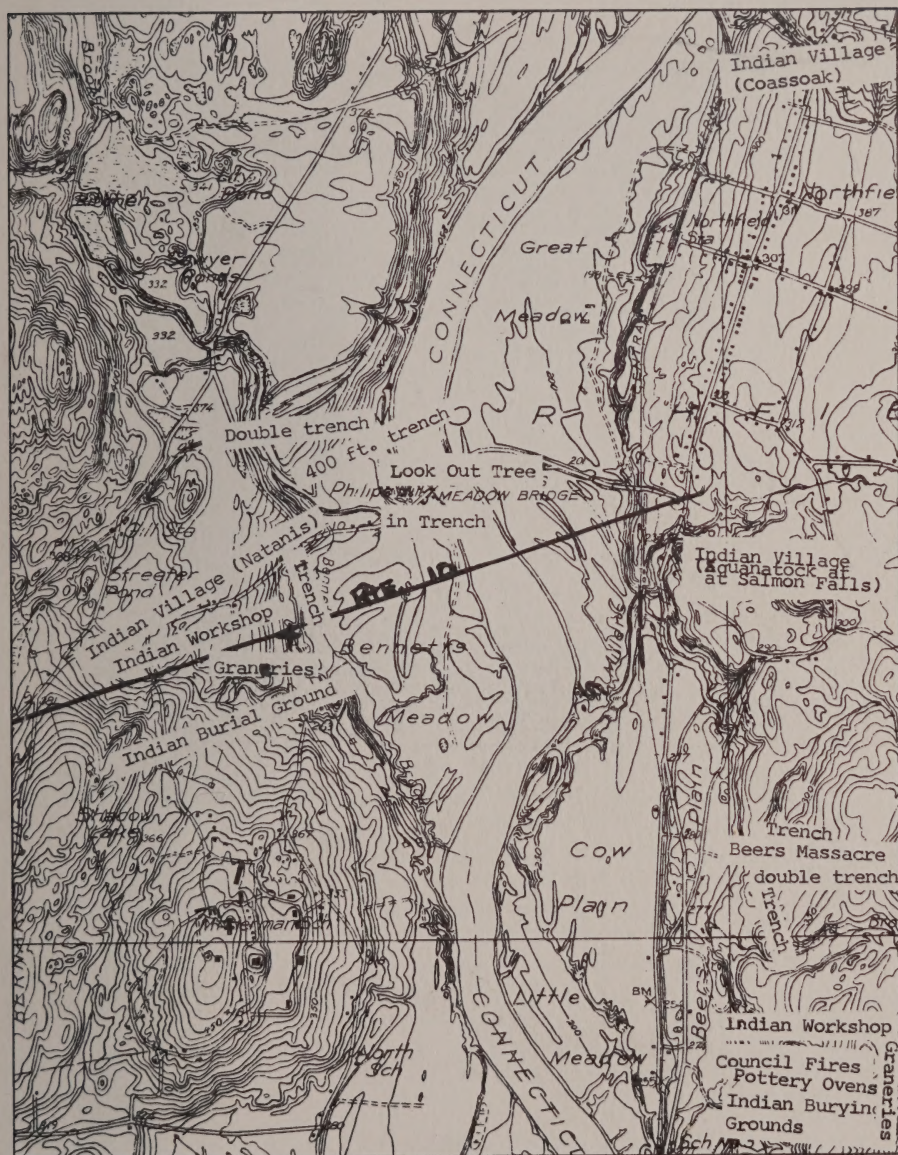


TOWN REPORT 1973



NORTHFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

COVER PICTURE

KING PHILIP'S HILL

Its location at the northernmost boundary of the Pocumtuck tribal holdings proclaim it to be a fort, according to "The History of Northfield" by Temple and Sheldon.

The authenticity of Temple and Sheldon's claims is proven by the fact that in the early 1930's these sites and the Indian trail by which the first four explorers arrived to view the future town of Northfield were re-discovered by Joseph R. Colton and Mrs. Priscilla (Colton) Carroll who used the description from Temple and Sheldon. Many members of the Northfield Historical Society viewed the sites at that time.

Tangible proof of the site's authenticity are the group of communal granaries at the southern end of the site. These are proven to be granaries for their regular shape and size and by clay linings at-testing they were of human design.

The remaining fragments of the system of defense trenches, and the lookout pine which stood in the largest existing trench at the point of the bluff overlooking the river are also testimony. This tree had toe holes cut in the trunk for facility in climbing, and it stood until the end of the 1800's. A picture of the remains of the stump is in the Northfield Historical Society museum, together with a charred knot from its trunk. Another knot is preserved in Dickinson Memorial Library.

The trenches at the site of Beers Massacre (best preserved of any until about 20 years ago) indicated a well-laid plan for ambuscade of an enemy approaching an Indian settlement.

The theory set forth by a few individuals that these trenches were hedgerows is strongly refuted by the fact that they are not situated in such a way as to have been useful in confining livestock. And when a World War I Veteran views them and spontaneously exclaims, "Why, they look just like the trenches over in France", one feels justified in giving credence to the defense explanation.

This is touched upon by Harry J. Lasher, collector of thousands of Indian artifacts. He states in reference to the trenches, "They constitute a series of unusual patterns, going up and down steep inclines with true accuracy as if laid out by transit.

From the picture of the tree in the museum, we can estimate the location of the tree within a few feet.

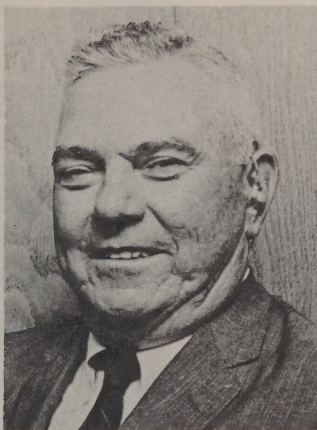
There is a wide trench which may have had a place for kneeling and shooting over the top as at the site of Beers Massacre, which ran across the point of King Philip's Hill -- parallel to the present road, and another narrower trench runs 200-300 feet. (probably the gravel bank has destroyed some of this) and for a considerable distance along the perimeter of the hill. An intersecting trench ran across the old Rte. 10 highway and east along the present Gill Rd. until destroyed by the cemetery.

Also, a trench ran from the hill into the ravine which went down to the brook, affording a hidden entrance or exit from the fortified area to the planting fields or the river.

A double trench can be seen running straight as an arrow along the promontory.

The COVER MAP shows the approximate location of Squakheag sites according to old Northfield history sources and on-site inspection. Trench and granary remains can be seen at these sites.

Compiled for the Greenfield-Recorder by Dorothy C. Pollen
and Priscilla C. Carroll.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles W. Llewelyn, a resident in the Town of Northfield, for 19 years, and in the meantime served as Chairman and as a member of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee and as a Finance Committee member, having died April 13, 1973, and,

WHEREAS, this community by his death shall suffer the loss of an outstanding and devoted servant, a valued friend, neighbor, and a civic, business and agricultural leader,

WHEREAS, he was one of the best known in the farming field, always striving for better efficiency in production and winning many awards for his agricultural achievements.

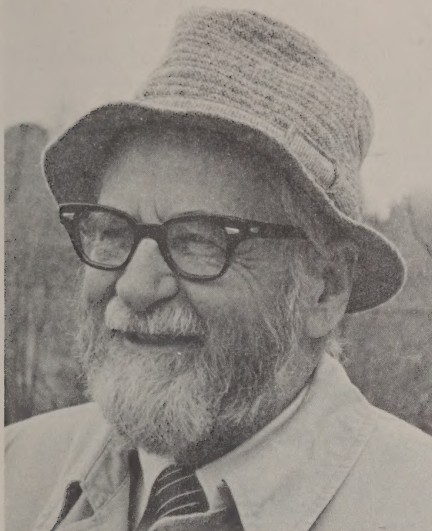
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, individually and on behalf of the people of the Town of Northfield, do hereby with gratitude publicly recognize Charles W. Llewelyn's many years of community service and leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Special Meeting, published in the next Annual Report of the Town and engrossed copies be presented to members of Mr. Llewelyn's immediate family.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Partridge, Chairman

Thomas J. Russell
Richard A. Bell
Board of Selectmen



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Ansel Bartlett True, a resident in the Town of Northfield, for 27 years served as a faithful Pioneer Valley Regional School physician, having died October 6, 1973, and,

WHEREAS, this community by his death shall suffer the loss of our dedicated and devoted physician, a valued friend and neighbor, and,

WHEREAS, this service and interest in all people and their problems has earned for him the everlasting gratitude and respect and affection of his fellow townsmen,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, individually and on behalf of the people of the Town of Northfield, do hereby with gratitude publicly recognize Dr. Ansel Bartlett True's many years of service as our 'Country Doctor'.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Special Meeting, published in the next Annual Report of the Town and engrossed copies be presented to members of Dr. True's immediate family.

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Thomas J. Russell
Fredrick J. Bell

Board of Selectmen

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the TOWN of

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

For the year ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1973



TOWN OFFICERS

March 1973 to March 1974

MODERATOR

Corys M. Heselton

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

SELECTMEN

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman	Term expires March 1974
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.	Term expires March 1975
Frederick J. Billiel	Term expires March 1976

ASSESSORS

Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman	Term expires March 1974
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires March 1975
William G. Roberts	Term expires March 1976

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires March 1975
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TREASURER

Marie A. Wickey	Term expires March 1976
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires March 1974
Philip N. Nelson	Term expires March 1975
Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires March 1976

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John H. Thayer	Term expires March 1975
Guy H. Cote	Term expires March 1976

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1974
Elsie S. Scott	Term expires March 1974
Margaret Lloyd Jones	Term expires March 1975
Henry B. Prescott, Jr.	Term expires March 1975
Evelyn H. Parker	Term expires March 1976
William H. Hawley, Chairman	Term expires March 1976

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1974
Richard H. Bassett	Term expires March 1975
Roger E. Bassett	Term expires March 1976

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires March 1976
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CONSTABLES

Kenneth J. Cort	Term expires March 1974
Joseph J. DeMaria	Term expires March 1974
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1974
William J. Young	Term expires March 1974

PLANNING BOARD

David G. Quinn	Term expires March 1974
John Carson, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
Norman F. Fowler	Term expires March 1976
John T. Callahan (resigned)	Richard G. Parsons (appointed)
	Term expires March 1977
Evelyn H. Becker	Term expires March 1978

BOARD OF HEALTH

Edward D. Hyrne	Term expires March 1974
Rua J. Bickford, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
John F. Jurkowski	Term expires March 1976

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Carl A. Pelzel	Term expires March 1974
Stanley E. Johnson (resigned)	Term expires March 1975
Antonio P. Tosi (appointed)	
Allen M. Sibley, Chairman	Term expires March 1976

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Charles W. Llewelyn (deceased)	
Charles W. Llewelyn, Jr. (appointed)	
Edward M. Powell, Jr.	Term expires March 1974
Wallace F. Reddy	Term expires March 1974
Frederick J. Billiel (resigned)	Term expires March 1975
Stanley J. Powers (appointed)	Term expires July 1975
Dwight P. Stearns, Secretary	Term expires July 1976
Stanley T. Wickey, Chairman	Term expires July 1976

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Edwin Finch
Frank R. Foster, III
Mrs. David Gibson
Charles E. Welner

Margaret L. Zabko
Mrs. Donald Snow
William R. Giles, Chairman

1974-1974 JURY LIST

Agnes G. Caron
Marion W. Dean
Loretta E. Derrig
Merle A. Jones
Virginia E. Leach
Dorothy A. Mann
Raymond J. Parenteau

Hazel F. Powers
Irwin M. Severance, Jr.
Robert B. Shearer
Helen P. Solms
Frances T. Stillman
Jeannette L. Townsend
Sylvia A. Walker

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1974

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler

Term expires July 1974

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Edward Davis

CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Sr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Dennis Williams

Ernest Lawrence

Fredd Fuller

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Harold F. Bigelow, Jr.
Joseph J. DeMaria
Walford L. Meacham
Eugene L. Miller
David A. Miller

Joseph G. Morgan
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Dwight P. Stearns
William J. Young
Shirley A. Thompson

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS-FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Alan S. Bolton
Harold L. Johnson
Frederick G. Parker

David G. Quinn
John D. Ware

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Alan S. Bolton

Term expires March 1974

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Domenic J. Ferrante
Frank S. Kelley
Dorothy Banash
Donald D. Smith

Warren E. Whitney
Edward Connors, Jr.
Edward S. Dwight
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond

Term expires April 1974

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.
Fredd M. Fuller

Robert L. Gibson
Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

William J. Young

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

HEALTH INSPECTOR

John A. Brickett

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeil

Everon P. Pollen

WIRING INSPECTOR

Stanley J. Powers

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Laurence M. Hammond	Term expires March 1974
John A. Hogan	Term expires March 1975
Doris S. Balk	Term expires March 1976

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale	Ann P. James
Catherine E. Gilbert	Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Helen M. Greene	Helen M. Stearns

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Dolores R. Avery	Mychaeline H. Skinner
Mary L. Holton	Dorena G. Johnson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Arthur E. James (resigned)	
Shirley Carson (appointed)	Term expires March 1974
Carolyn M. Spencer	Term expires March 1974
Irwin M. Severance, Chairman	Term expires March 1975
Gladys C. Bistrek	Term expires March 1975
Stanley T. Wickey	Term expires March 1976
Elizabeth Leyden (resigned)	
Fred Avery (appointed)	Term expires March 1976
Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.	Term expires March 1976

BOARD OF APPEALS

George L. Partridge	Term expires December 1974
Harvey H. Hatheway	Term expires December 1975
Harold A. Newton, Chairman	Term expires December 1976
Catherine E. Gilbert (resigned)	
Robert G. Barnes (appointed)	Associate Member
Stanley Gorzocoski	Associate Member

NORTHERN PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE

DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD

Ronald A. Galbraith	Donald L. Holden
Edward D. Shearer	

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

All the items that were required by the 1973 Annual Town Meeting for the Selectmen to carry out were fulfilled with regard to the Town's best interest. Many items were submitted to competitive contract bidding. Local craftsmen and businesses were given due consideration.

Revenue Sharing Allotment was used for the following purchases:

1. Equipment for the Town Hall Kitchen
2. Dump Truck, International, for Highway Department
3. 3/4-ton pick-up Truck for Highway Department
4. Police Cruiser
5. Apeco Copier for Town Office

A Sander Body for the Highway Department was purchased through taxation money.

Auction of obsolete town equipment was held at the Town Highway Garage on June 30th, 11:00 a.m. Items sold were road grader, plow frame, snow plow, sanders and a 1968 pick-up truck, etc. Total received was \$520.00.

Resident stickers were issued during the month of June for authorized use of the Town Dump. This gave the Town better control over dump usage.

The eighty-five year old Northfield Inn was leased to Mass/Food Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Northeast Services Group, Inc. of Farmington, Connecticut.

The Conservation Commission was authorized to explore acquisition of the King Phillip's Hill site, for historical and recreational purposes.

November 20th Special Town Meeting voted to purchase King Phillip's Hill property, comprising about twelve acres and adjacent to the Connecticut River. This property was offered to the Town by a former resident, Mrs. Helen DeWeese of East Dover, Vermont.

November 20th Special Town Meeting voters authorized an environmental impact study on the so-called Davis property, an area of thirteen acres which had been proposed as a commercial sanitary landfill by Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. The impact study will be performed this spring.

FISH program has been assisted by the dispatching of requests by phone through the Town Office, where Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary, aids by coordinating with volunteer workers.

Authorized the Recreation Commission to open a Teen Center at the former Slate House.

The Boy Scout House renovation is underway and being done by the building structure class in the Career Education Program of Pioneer Valley Regional School. Program consists of repair and to paint windows and build cabinets, etc.

There were 63 building permits issued this year, a total of \$345,540.00.

The year of 1973 was very active. The first half of the year was well taken up with not only town meeting activities, but the successful planning and preparation of the Town's Tercentenary Celebration.

The Board of Selectmen took an active part in many of the functions, climaxed by Governor Francis W. Sargent's appearance during the parade day. We congratulate the Tercentenary Committee and all who participated in making this celebration a successful and memorable event.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank all the Townspeople and officers who have served so well during this past year.

We express our gratitude for your understanding and support and assure you that our efforts will be directed toward making the Town of Northfield a better place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.
Frederick J. Billiel

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year the normal spring maintenance, oiling, patching, and culvert replacement were accomplished.

Some brush cutting and mowing beside the roads was done.

The remaining construction work for 1971 on Mt. Hermon Road was completed between Caldwell Road and Wozniak's hill. New construction was started to eliminate the blind dip by Robert Gibson's. This was brought to grade, with extensive drainage, but was unable to be black topped before winter. Completion should be in the spring of 1974.

Thank you for your cooperation in up-dating some of the equipment we have.

Alan S. Bolton
Superintendent of Streets

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Northfield, Mass.

The following is a report of Police activities for the calendar year 1973:

Registration checks	83	Breaking & Enterings	21
Breaking & Entering & Larceny	2	Larceny	7
Bomb Threats	3	Arrests	31
Animals	54	Drunkeness	5
Forged Checks	1	Prowlers	5
Stolen Vehicles	13	Burglar Alarm	18
Lacivious Person	1	Missing Persons	31
Assault	8	Family Problems	52
Vandalism	61	Vacant Homes	8
Disturbed Persons	3	Miscellaneous	115
Runaways	2	Ambulance	5
Firearms	6	Stolen Property	33
Obscene Persons	2	Attempted Suicide	4
Citations	57	Stubborn Child	2
Accidents	60	Bad Checks	9
Unsecured Buildings	2	Summons	15
Arson/Fire	5	Snowmobile	3
Suspicious Persons	20	Accidents other than motor vehicle	3
Disturbing Peace	10	Radar Stops	82
Drugs	10		

The year 1973 was an extremely busy year for the Police Department. The number of calls that the Police Department received this year increased by approximately 20% over the year before. The total calls to the Police Department for 1973 was 1,533. This trend is not confined to Northfield. As has been predicted and examined in the National Press, crime in rural areas is on the increase. Therefore, the citizens of rural communities such as Northfield must be ever vigilant in the continuing struggle against lawlessness and disorder in our community.

During the course of the past year the effort made by the Police officers in the department has been outstanding and I feel they should be commended for their efforts. I wish to take this opportunity to again express my appreciation to the citizens of this community who have supported their Police Department in its efforts to make Northfield a safe place in which to live. With your continued cooperation the Police Department will be able to continue its service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Scott

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

During 1973 Northfield had two major house fires.

The Department answered a total of 67 calls of various kinds which are catalogued below:

Structural fires	9
Chimney fires	9
Vehicle fires	6
Vehicle accidents	4
Fire investigations	2
Furnace malfunctions	2
Electrical fires	4
Brush or grass fires	12
Mutual Aid calls	4
Gasoline washdowns	3
False alarms	1
Furniture fires	2
Flood watch	1
Arson investigation	5
Miscellaneous	3

The new water supply at the Northfield Project, completed in November, will be a great asset for the Northfield Farms area.

The new truck was received in March and through the many efforts of the members, the truck was brought up to operating standards. The new truck is now equipped for both brush and rescue work.

A number of the fire holes were fenced in and many were dug out as well as two new fire holes being created.

The Fire Department participated in the Mini Course program in cooperation with the Pioneer Valley Regional School which, as in the past, has proven quite successful.

Unfortunately the pump on our 1953 Maxim had to be completely rebuilt at a cost of approximately \$2,200. Considering the age of the truck, however, this was a reasonable cost when divided by the number of years the truck has been in service.

The members of the Fire Department fabricated and installed a new flagpole at the fire station, which with a new flag, was presented to the Town during the Tercentennial Celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Town departments, the Selectmen, and the townspeople for their cooperation this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Clesson M. Field

Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

We were fortunate in that there were no major brush or forest fires this year.

We answered a total of 12 grass or brush fire calls.

An interesting note this year is the use of spotter planes by the Department of Natural Resources for the early detection of forest fires in lieu of the use of the old fire towers.

I would again like to thank the townspeople for their cooperation in upholding the burning ban.

Respectfully submitted

Clesson M. Field

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

All public and private schools, public buildings, churches, hotels and communes in Northfield have been inspected in accordance with Massachusetts law.

Fire protection equipment has been retested, recharged, or replaced as necessary.

Fire drills were held at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Center School, and Linden Hill School with very good results. The Fire Department feels that these drills should be held at least three times a year.

With the advent of the energy crisis, the Public Safety Inspector has inspected an increasing number of chimneys and wood-burning stoves in addition to the usual oil burner, gas tank, and propane tank installations.

I would like to thank all the town and school officials as well as the townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Clesson M. Field

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

During early 1973 the Planning Board continued work on revision of the Town Subdivision regulations. These regulations went into effect April 1973 after about seven month of discussion and revisions. The Planning Board would like to thank the other Town Boards, and the many individual residents who participated in the meetings on proposed regulations; as a result of advice and suggestions received during those meetings the Town has a more comprehensive and equitable set of subdivision regulations than would have otherwise been possible.

The multiple housing moratorium voted by the Town in 1972 was approved by the Attorney General in March 1973 and will run for two years. The one year moratorium on additional commercial usages on Main Street was also approved and is in effect.

In August 1973 the Planning Board voted to appeal to Superior Court the decision of the Board of Appeals to permit the establishment of a branch bank on Main Street, and this case will be heard early in 1974.

Other activities of the Planning Board included:

- Meeting with representatives of the Franklin Conservation District and the Conservation Commission to review uses and interpretations of the Northfield Soil Survey Maps.

- Approval of two subdivisions, each for a single residence.

- Joint meeting of Northfield and Erving officials together with the County Planning Director on the impact of the Northfield Mountain Project recreational plans on area towns. Later the Franklin County Planning Board requested such a study from Northeast Utilities, which may be forthcoming in 1974.

- Regular attendance at Franklin County Planning Board Meetings to participate in County decisions on plans and budgets, many of which could affect Northfield.

- Continuing the policy of presenting a Planning Board opinion of applications for permits before the Board of Appeals.

- Arranging for the full time service of a University of Massachusetts student from February to May 1974 to assist the Planning Board with the collection of information for the Master Plan project. For this work the student receives course credits from the University, but is not paid by the Town.

John Callahan resigned from the Board in September 1973, and Richard Parsons was appointed to fill his place until the 1974 Town elections. The Planning Board voted to thank Mr. Callahan for his many efforts and contributions to the Town during his time on the Board.

At the end of the year the Planning Board had begun work on an official Town Map, as authorized by G.L. Chapter 41, Sec. 81E, and hopes to have this project completed in time for presentation for

approval at the April 1974 Town Meeting. This map will be used in confirming the status of Town ways, in recording of subdivision roads, and in future planning.

During 1974 the Planning Board will continue work on revision of the Zoning By-Laws and the formation of a Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

John Carson,
Chairman

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF APPEALS

Northfield Board of Appeals held ten hearings and issued nine special permits. One application had no decision as of December 31, 1973. An amended permit was issued to Youth Homes, Inc.

Upon Town Counsel's advice, no permits were needed for moving drugstore to laundromat and laundromat into the barn; no permit was needed for Donald Purrington to operate Formica and related hardware business at former hardware store.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Hatheway
George Partridge
Harold Newton, Chairman
Associate Members:
Catherine Gilbert
Stanley Gorzocoski

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1973. This past year 32 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

This spring 27 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground Flagpole, Fire Station, and on five stumps.

Respectfully submitted

Richard H. Bassett
Tree Warden

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 29 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were 29 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 28 trees were found positive and they should be removed.

The mosquito and black fly spraying was continued. This service is available on private properties if requested by the owners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During 1973 forty-two dogs were picked up. Thirty-four were kept the required length of time and destroyed, seven were returned to the owners, and one was given away. The usual number of calls were received and acted upon.

On May twenty-seventh there was a change in the law requiring confinement of a dog for only five days instead of ten as before. This allows only a limited time for owners to claim their dogs. Therefore, I strongly urge all who have dogs to license them and attach the tags to their collars.

I thank the Selectmen and all those who have helped me in the past years to carry out the duties of Dog Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Young
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continued to hold open meetings the third Monday of each month interspersed with informal meetings whenever necessary to handle routine complaints and problems.

Advertisements have been placed in Medical Journals regarding our need for a doctor, and this past fall a committee was formed with Robert Graves as Chairman to pursue this matter further. Their first action was to conduct a written survey to determine what the townspeople felt was needed and were willing to provide. This mailing was greatly expedited by the Fortnightly Club who addressed and stuffed the envelopes for mailing. The result of this is still in tabulation, but the general trend is toward active support of a doctor.

Following complaints from the Fire Department of a property believed to be a fire danger, further investigation proved it to be a definite health hazard as well and action was taken.

Having received application for a sanitary landfill operation, counsel was engaged to handle the legality of a hearing, etc. Following the hearing, at a Special Town Meeting on November 20, 1973, the Town voted to conduct a survey of the land area involved, so assignment of a permit was held up until this has been completed and the results known.

Two local cases of encephalitis resulted in our recommendation of the spraying of wetlands.

The following permits and licenses were issued during the year:

Plumbing Licenses	37
Common Victualler's Licenses	6
Milk & Cream Store Licenses	6
Frozen Deserts Licenses	2
Pastuerization of Milk Licenses	1
Funeral Director's License	1
License to transport offensive substances	1
Sewage Disposal Installer's Permits	3
Sewage Disposal Construction Permits	18

Under the direction of the Town Nurse, clinics were conducted on March 12, 1973 and April 9, 1973 from 7 to 9 p.m., and on May 7, 1973 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Our thanks to the very able assistance of our Town Nurse, Eileen Gorzocoski, Town Secretary, Shirley Thompson, and all departments and boards who have been most cooperative throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

Rua J. Bickford, Chairman
Edward D. Hyrne
John F. Jurkowski

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING
SERVICE

To the Selectmen, the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

The year 1973 proved to be a busy year with my nursing duties becoming more complex due to the absence of a resident town physician. When needed, I have referred many of the patients and townspeople and members of their families to other area physicians and frequently arranged the appointments for them.

The success of the committee for locating a physician would be very beneficial for the Town.

The Board of Health conducted three general immunization clinics for the townspeople, with a total of 137 doses given. Dr. James Barnshaw of Greenfield was in attendance. I would like to thank the doctor, nurses, many volunteer clerical workers and all others who helped to make these clinics a success.

The annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, experienced another successful year with 139 pints of blood collected.

Report of visits made in 1973:

Home Visits	835
Office Visits	71
Not Home Visits	12

Monthly meetings have been attended on the Home Care Team at the Franklin County Public Hospital, and In-Service Educational Programs have been attended at Northampton Veteran's Administration Hospital and the University of Mass. in Amherst and in Worcester and Chicopee, Mass., and in March, an educational Seminar at Franklin County Public Hospital.

I completed a 10 week training seminar sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Commonwealth of Mass., and by the Franklin County Senior Service Project, Inc. This course covered various subjects pertaining to the Aged.

In May, 1973, the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service was recertified by Social Security to be able to participate in the Medicare Program. This will now be a yearly requirement instead of an every other year event.

I wish to thank Mrs. Helen Barber and Mrs. Barbara Duprey for covering the summer vacation period.

I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Advisory Boards, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary,

and the townspeople for all their cooperation and efforts in making this a successful year.

I hope, in 1974, the people in Northfield will be fortunate enough to have their own town physician.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

NORTHFIELD TOWN ADVISORY GROUP

In September of 1972 the Board of Selectmen appointed eleven citizens from the Town of Northfield. They were a cross section of the Town, and also some were from other Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

This Town Advisory Group's primary function was to prepare a list of goals, sites and areas that the Town might be interested in developing.

Then the Town Advisory Group asked the Franklin Conservation District to send a technical team to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory.

This study, or inventory, has been completed and turned over to the Town for its use.

Phase one of our work is now completed. At this time I would like to thank all those who served on the Town Advisory Group, and also the men who prepared the Natural Resources Program.

Respectfully,
Robert L. Huber, Chairman
Dorothy Pollen, Secretary

TOWN ADVISORY GROUP

REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSION

This year has been very active, we operated the plant on a budget of \$15,279.32. This resulted with a sewer use charge of \$40.00 per unit.

The Town Hall sewer connection was made before the Tercenary Celebration.

We completed a sewer sealing project that included the main trunk line from Highland Avenue, north to North Lane. This sealing project reduced our flow in normal weather from 800,000 to 1 million gallons per day to approximately 150,000 per day. We are still experiencing problems in rainy and stormy weather. This indicates that roof drains, storm drains, cellar drains, etc. are still open and giving us problems. We hope to get more work done this year on this project.

We also have had to place an operator at the plant full time instead of part time.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman
Carl A. Pelzel
Antonio P. Tosi

Northfield Board of
Sewer Commissioners

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Viewed the laying of ducts and installation of manholes along Main Street as per agreement issued by the Selectmen to New England Telephone Company. All work performed was in satisfactory condition.

Inspected sixteen requests for the wiring performed on new houses erected in the Town, and rewiring of renovated property.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Powers
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Northfield's Tercentenary was also the 75th year for the Dickinson Memorial Library. Constructed at a cost of approximately \$25,000 with a \$2,000 contribution from the Town for furnishings, the building was a gift of Fitchburg manufacturer Elijah M. Dickinson as a memorial to his Northfield ancestors. A dedication ceremony was held June 7, 1898, with Dwight L. Moody, Northfield's great evangelist, and Guyas Glenn, then an instructor at Mount Hermon and later a Greenfield minister, as speakers. Dr. Norman P. Wood, chairman of the library trustees, accepted the keys for the Town from Mr. Dickinson. A contemporary account noted that the granite for the structure was obtained at the Northfield quarry.

1973 was thus a year for rededication of the library to continuing service to the community: children, youth, adults, part-time residents and visitors. In cooperation with the Northfield Historical Society a microfilming project was conceived and executed to place on permanent and secure record many of the Town's unreplaceable historic documents, books and pictures. These items will not only be thus more certainly preserved, but their contents will now be available to all through a microfilm viewer provided by the Town. The sustained effort of Mrs. Evelyn Parker, a trustee of the library and member of the Historical Society, moved this project to completion. Members of the Fortnightly Club also contributed time and thought to the project, which was originally suggested by its president, Mrs. Dorothy Pollen.

At the same time, the trustees have sought to maintain a high standard of service and usefulness to the community. Faced with the loss of a skillful, creative and popular assistant librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Bell, who retired August 31, the trustees were fortunate to welcome as the new assistant Mrs. Brenda Slater, a former assistant librarian of some years' experience.

Qualifying without question for the state aid to municipal libraries, the library has continued to offer a wide and constantly updated array of reading and consulting materials for the total needs of the community. Mrs. Martha Peterson, librarian, has in two years qualified for the state certificate required as one of the qualifications for the state assistance.

By generous vote of the Town, the children's room and library has received the much needed addition of two colorful round tables with chairs to match and a center-room book display cart with bulletin board. The trustees appreciate the ready and unfailing support of the Northfield community and look forward to continuing development of the library's service and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Library Trustees

William H. Hawley, Chairman

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation of library materials:

Adult and juvenile books	22300
State Bookmobile	2430
Inter-library loan	39
Books borrowed for school use	295
Adult and juvenile magazines	1456
Music records	104
Jigsaw puzzles	<u>144</u>
Total	26768

Books in circulation:

Added by purchase and gift	444
Withdrawn	<u>101</u>
Books in circulation total	16284

Books borrowed from State Bookmobile 1579

Total number of borrowers 1265

Receipts paid to Town Treasurer:

Fines	\$384.33
Lost or damaged books	<u>16.10</u>
	\$ 400.43

The library was a busy place during the first half of the year as the Town prepared for its Tercentenary Celebration. Our collection of historical books and documents was consulted again and again, not only by residents of the Town, but by others such as graduate students at the University. Few people had time for other reading but the total number of borrowers showed a marked increase.

Our annual poster contest in April was so successful, the judges awarded books to all contestants who followed the rules. The posters were displayed in the library during National Library Week.

Over twenty children participated in the summer reading program. Eleven made the trip to Benson's Animal Farm. Again this year, two readers were awarded Dickinson Reader certificates for the number and worth of the books they read.

In August, a reception was held in the library to honor Mrs. Stanley Bell upon her retirement. It was a time of sorrow and joy as we said God speed to Mrs. Bell and welcomed back as her replacement Mrs. Paul Lavender who had been assistant librarian for a number of years in the sixties.

The children's room was brightened this fall by the installation of furniture especially designed for children.

The preservation of historical documents on microfilm has now been completed. This was accomplished with the help of a Fortnightly committee under the leadership of Miss Jeannette Townsend. This committee collated the issues of the Northfield newspapers which were made available. Mrs. Willis Parker and Mrs. Harold Carroll organized material from the Historical Society collection and Mrs. Parker personally supervised the filming of this material.

In May, Mrs. Peterson was elected to a three year term as member-at-large of the Executive Committee of the Western Regional Public Library System Advisory Council. In addition, she has now completed the requirements for librarians in towns of this size.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Peterson,

Librarian

REPORT OF NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

During the year of 1973 the Northfield Recreation Commission attempted to expand its programs to include all of the citizens of the town and not just the young people. In doing this, the Commission, for the first time, met on a regular basis, bi-weekly.

The summer recreation program for the young people of our Town ran for six weeks during the months of July and August. The program was ably directed by two local girls who were assisted by four aides and two members of the Franklin County Youth Corps. For the first time, this year there was a one week orientation program for the directors and aides prior to the actual program. Among the highlights of the summer program were a camping trip to Greenfield State Park in New Hampshire for about 20 teenagers, in Indian campout behind the Center School in which about 80 five to twelve year olds participated, and Christmas in July complete with Santa Claus and trimming of a Christmas Tree.

Camp Northfield made available their outdoor pool this year for the Red Cross swimming lessons after we were unable to secure the use of the Northfield School Pool as we have in the past. This points up the need for a pool in the community as the time will come when we will be unable to secure the use of a pool for our programs.

The Commission instituted several new programs during the fall, including a Teen Drop-In Center. A young married couple was hired to oversee the center, which is housed in the Slate House and open every Wednesday evening. This has been very well received by the local young people with an average attendance during the first several weeks of about 55. A sports director was hired to plan and oversee programs, primarily for those beyond the high school age. One of the first of these programs to be put in operation was a flag football program for the young men of our town. This continued through the end of the year with approximately 25 in weekly attendance. Also the Pioneer Valley Regional School Gym has been secured for use on Sunday afternoons for basketball, volleyball and other recreational activities. This program which began the first weekend in December has been actively participated in by many men and women of Northfield.

In order to provide the people of Northfield with a wider range of recreational activities the Commission financially helped to support the fishing derby sponsored by the sportsmen's club and voted financial assistance for the ice skating rink proposed by the Fort-nightly.

To insure that the young people of our community have a voice in the planning of recreational programs, Joel Hilliker, a senior at Pioneer Valley Regional School was made a member of the Commission in an advisory capacity.

The Recreation Commission is very concerned of the need of Northfield for a good recreational center with a swimming pool, tennis courts, a picnic area and an all-purpose building. The Commission is working actively to make this a reality but we will need the support of many other groups and individuals of this Town. The same type of community spirit that accomplished so much during the Tercentenary will be needed to make these plans a reality.

At this time we would like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and effort in carrying out our programs, the schools for the use of equipment and facilities, those employees who made the summer program the resounding success that it was, to Sally Lindgren for her years of service to this Commission and to the Town officers who helped us.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

William Giles
Edwin Finch
Randy Foster
Betty Gibson
Ruth Snow
Charles Welner
Margaret Zabko

REPORT OF NORTHERN PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD

On March 10, 1973, the Board of Selectmen of Northfield appointed Edward D. Shearer, Donald L. Holden and Ronald A. Galbraith to the board for three, two and one years respectively from April 1, 1973.

The board met on March 27, 1973 with members from Bernardston, Gill and Leyden for a preliminary meeting. After considerable discussion, it was decided that one member from each town would serve on each of the following three subcommittees:

Subcommittee #1 - to meet with Northfield Washed Sand Gravel concerning sale or lease of the Davis property or to consider operating a solid waste disposal area on a contract basis. Ronald A. Galbraith served on this subcommittee.

Subcommittee #2 - to investigate and consider other possible sites suitable for operating a solid waste disposal area within the four towns. Donald L. Holden served on this subcommittee.

Subcommittee #3 - to ascertain interest on the part of any sector of private business in operating a solid waste disposal area (excluding Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel). Edward D. Shearer served on this subcommittee.

The first official meeting of the board was held on April 10, 1973. Mr. Eric Temple of Bernardston was elected chairman and Mr. Carleton Stinchfield of Bernardston was elected secretary-treasurer, each for one year.

Subcommittee #1 reported that it had met with Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel and discussed three possible options: Sale of the Davis property, lease of same, or contract to operate a solid waste disposal area. Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel indicated that they would consider these possibilities and let the committee know their decision.

On April 24, 1973, the next meeting was held and subcommittee #1 reported that Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel was interested in operating a landfill solid waste disposal area on the Davis property. Subcommittee #2 reported that the Davis property was the only site viewed by the Soil Conservation Service and that soil maps would have to be used for a preliminary study. Subcommittee #3 reported that several private businesses were interested in the operation of a solid waste disposal area, however, the Northern Pioneer Valley Regional Disposal District would have to provide the site.

The final meeting was held on August 28, 1973, and chairman Temple reported that he had attended a meeting with the Dept. of Solid Waste Officials from the State. At that meeting, it was indicated that the Commonwealth had no monies to make available for regional operations and it was implied that state control was imminent and that charges would be assessed against each municipality according to use.

Subcommittee #1 reported that Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel would seek an operating permit, however, no additional information was available at this time. Subcommittee #2 reported that after careful study of the soil maps, most of the suitable land was occupied by villages, cemeteries, schools and major highways. The committee agreed that the Davis property was the only suitable or real possibility for efficient operation of a regional sanitary landfill. Although Bernardston and Gill did have a few sites which would appear to last only a year or two at most.

It was then voted and unanimously passed that subcommittee #1 should meet with Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel to discuss buying, leasing or operating agreements and that the board should contact Attorney Jack Curtiss for counsel in negotiating any arrangements or operating agreements utilizing the Davis property.

The Town of Northfield has instituted a study of the suitability of the Davis property and the board is awaiting the outcome of the study before taking any further steps.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Galbraith
Donald L. Holden
Edward D. Shearer

REPORT OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This will be our Commission's second report to the people of Northfield.

We have met six times during the year. Due to the resignation of Mr. Arthur James, Chairman, in October, Mrs. Shirley Carson was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on October 18th to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James. She will serve until March, 1974.

Mr. Irwin Severance, Jr. became our new chairman; Mr. Fred Avery, Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Gladys Bistrek was voted in as secretary replacing Fred Avery who resigned that office.

Mrs. Carolyn Spencer has been our representative to the Town Advisory Group.

The Northfield Historical Society presented the Commission with \$100 towards the purchase of King Phillip's Hill. We thank them for their gift.

Voters in our Town approved the purchase of King Phillip's Hill from the owner Mrs. Helen DeWeese at a Special Town meeting November 21, 1973 - price, \$10,000. The article in the Town Warrant stipulated the property be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Our group investigated three wetland areas, one in West Northfield and two in Town and found land owners carrying our Conservation practices.

The Conservation Commission wishes to thank the Town Officers, townspeople for their assistance to us when we needed it; and to Arthur James for steering our group in its first year. Also, our thanks to Mr. Terry Blunt of the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

We shall do our very best to make our Town proud of its first Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Northfield Conservation Commission

Irwin Severance, Jr., Chairman
Fred Avery, Vice-Chairman
Gladys Bistrek, Secretary
Carolyn Spencer
Shirley Carson
Peter Ladzinski
Stanley Wickey

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Northfield, Mass.

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1973:

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

January 1, - December 1, 1973

1. Active Service	52
2. Bonus	124
3. Compensation	128
4. Death Benefits	253
5. Discharges	142
6. Education	240
7. Employment	161
8. Finance	590
9. Housing	26
10. Insurance	55
11. Legal	55
12. Loans	79
13. Medical	407
14. Notarizations	22
15. Pension	473
16. Photostats	20,065
17. Recordings	52
18. Selective Service	108
19. Social Security	54
20. Taxes	374
21. Veterans' Benefits	5,603
22. Vital Statistics	142
23. Unclassified	485
Totals	29,690

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities in the District.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to five cases involving some ten persons during the year 1973. Four of these cases were classified as temporary situations and the remaining one was deemed to be permanent in nature. Gross expenditures for 1973 amounted to \$5,383.12. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the Town in the amount of \$2,691.56 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Gamelin

Director of Veterans' Services
& Veterans' Agent

COMMUNITY AWARENESS COUNCIL, INC. REPORT

A report on the 1973 and early 1974 activities of the Community Awareness Council, Inc. can be divided into three periods. The early part of the year was devoted to solidifying its organizational structure and seeking funding from the towns of Warwick, Northfield, Bernardston and Leyden and from the County Commissioners and the Div. of Drug Rehabilitation of the Mass. Dept. of Mental Health, \$7,000 was secured from these sources.

The Board of Directors (at least one adult and one young person from each participant town) set three target areas to focus on and began an intensive search for a half-time co-ordinator. After going through over fifty applications and two rounds of interviewing, Rev. David Ray of Warwick was selected and employed. He began work in Nov. and took full responsibility for directing C.A.C. in Dec. 1973.

He was given three responsibilities: to be available to young people and adults for crisis intervention, counseling, and referral; to identify problem areas and needs; and to develop programs to meet some of these needs. Needs have been identified in four areas: health, recreation, education, and communications.

To raise sensitivity to area health needs, the C.A.C. has compiled a summary of the first part of the Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council's Franklin County Health Study. This summary of information relevant to the four town area is being distributed to officials and citizens of the towns.

Many people complained of not knowing what was available to them in their town and area. To help meet this communication problem and to supplement other media sources, the AWARE newsletter is being published. AWARE brings local information, P.V.R.S. and District 18 news, and general C.A.C. and human service news to every home in the district.

C.A.C. is dedicated to the principle of people helping people -- voluntarily. We are off to a good start. Anyone with any problem can call the C.A.C. Coordinator for confidential help and counseling.

David Ray
C.A.C. Coordinator

Northfield Board Members

Phillip Nelson
Desmond Chambers
Barbara Brassor

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1973

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATION

(1) To be raised by Taxation	\$ 1,521,676.45	
(2) To be taken from Available Funds	<u>106,353.98</u>	
		\$ 1,628,030.43

School Lunch Program	3,122.28	
Free Public Libraries	1,973.26	
Veterans' District Services	3,998.10	
County Retirement System	<u>18,523.20</u>	
		\$ 27,616.84

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT

County Tax	1973 Est. <u>53,830.20</u>	
	1972 Under est. <u>6,016.89</u>	59,847.09

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	8,501.05	
Audit of Municipal Account	1,110.32	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	287.85	
State Assessment System	96.44	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control (1972 Under estimate 6.79)	<u>204.99</u>	10,207.44
Overlay of Current Year		<u>46,809.19</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		<u><u>\$ 1,772,510.99</u></u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	195,015.36	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	45,000.00	
Licenses	1,029.00	
Fines	723.00	
General Government	3,804.00	
Health and Sanitation	1,768.00	
Libraries (local receipts other than State aid)	503.00	
Public Service Enterprises (Water Department)	9,996.00	
Interest: On taxes and assessments	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	
On deposit	<u>1,882.00</u>	3,182.00
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	2,308.00	
Estimated for January-June 1974 from above receipts	<u>34,156.50</u>	
		297,484.86
Overestimates (State Recreation Areas)	893.50	
Amounts Voted to be taken from Available Funds		
Available Funds	44,069.55	
Free Cash	<u>62,284.43</u>	
		107,247.48
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS & ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		<u>404,732.34</u>
TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		<u><u>\$ 1,367,778.65</u></u>

1973 TAX RATE \$42.00 per \$1,000.00 VALUATION

	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Total Person Property	\$ 3,349,284.00	\$ 140,669.93
Total Real Estate	<u>18,361,498.00</u>	<u>771,182.91</u>
Total P/P and R/E	\$21,710,782.00	\$ 911,852.84
Total to be raised January-June 1974		<u>455,925.81</u>
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY 18 MONTHS		<u>\$ 1,367,778.65</u>
FISCAL YEAR		

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	67%	\$28.24
General Tax Rate	<u>33%</u>	<u>13.76</u>
	100%	\$42.00

Approximately each \$21,000. appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the Tax Rate.

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1973

Levy of	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Real and Personal Estate	--	--	\$ 1,383.90
Motor Vehicles	193.40	6,521.81	7,681.49
Exemptions (Elderly)			16,405.20
Exemptions (Veterans)			3,850.00
Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed			1,696
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles			83,745.01
Total Assessed Valuation			\$ 1,306,150.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1973

The Board of Assessors feel that the firm of General Mapping has been very cooperative and has done a good job for the Town of Northfield on the Assessors Maps.

We also appreciate the help and cooperation of many individuals who gave up many hours of their time to help us search out and locate some properties.

There will be two sets of maps available to the public; one will be at the Town Hall and one at the Assessors Clerks office. Everyone is welcome to look at or use these maps. If anyone desires a copy of any of the maps he may obtain one through the Board of Assessors.

We, the Board of Assessors, appreciate the cooperation and support of the citizens of Northfield and all Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS ---

Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk
William G. Roberts

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes for 1971

Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/73		\$	460.99
Refunds			46.20
Abatements	\$	193.40	
Paid to Treasurer		<u>313.79</u>	
		507.19	<u>507.19</u>

Taxes for 1972

Farm Animal & Machinery outstanding 1/1/73		\$	115.36
Paid to Treasurer	\$	<u>115.36</u>	
	\$	115.36	<u>\$ 115.36</u>

Personal Property outstanding 1/1/73		\$	853.50
Refunds			3.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$	<u>856.50</u>	
	\$	856.50	<u>\$ 856.50</u>

Real Estate outstanding 1/1/73		\$	8,654.63
Refunds			46.96
Tax Titles Taken	\$	255.00	
Paid to Treasurer		<u>8,446.59</u>	
	\$	8,701.59	<u>\$ 8,701.59</u>

Sewer Use Charges outstanding 1/1/73		\$	444.00
Added to 1973 real estate taxes in accordance with Chapter 83, Section 28	\$	84.00	
Paid to Treasurer		<u>360.00</u>	
	\$	444.00	<u>\$ 444.00</u>

Motor Vehicle outstanding 1/1/73		\$	10,782.19
Committed after 1/1/73			42,492.87
Refunds			1,967.35
Abatements	\$	6,521.81	
Paid to Treasurer		<u>46,482.15</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/74		<u>2,238.45</u>	
	\$	55,242.41	<u>\$ 55,242.41</u>

Taxes for 1973

Farm Animal & Machinery Levy		\$	3,241.75
Paid to Treasurer	\$	<u>3,110.75</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/74		<u>131.00</u>	
	\$	3,241.75	<u>\$ 3,241.75</u>

Personal Property Levy		\$	147,040.07
Refunds			12.60
Abatements	\$	615.30	
Paid to Treasurer		<u>145,368.47</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/74		<u>1,068.90</u>	
	\$	147,052.67	<u>\$ 147,052.67</u>

1972 Sewer Use Charges Committed		\$	84.00
Committed Interest			6.15
Paid to Treasurer	\$	<u>90.15</u>	
	\$	90.15	<u>\$ 90.15</u>

Real Estate Levy		\$771,523.11
Refunds		1,043.00
Abatements	\$ 21,023.80	
Tax Titles Added	1,075.85	
Statement filed to Continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	207.90	
Paid to Treasurer	732,757.86	
Outstanding 1/1/74	17,500.70	
	<u>\$772,566.11</u>	<u>\$772,566.11</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		\$ 83,745.01
Refunds		1,216.17
Abatements	\$ 7,681.49	
Paid to Treasurer	59,022.64	
Outstanding 1/1/74	18,257.05	
	<u>\$ 84,961.18</u>	<u>\$ 84,961.18</u>
Sewer Use Charges		\$ 15,720.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 12,360.00	
Outstanding 1/1/74	3,360.00	
	<u>\$ 15,720.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,720.00</u>
Sewer Entrance Fees		\$ 150.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 150.00	
	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Fees to Dump at Sewer Plant		\$ 780.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 620.00	
Outstanding 1/1/74	160.00	
	<u>\$ 780.00</u>	<u>\$ 780.00</u>

The above amounts were collected or accounted for during the twelve months ending December 31, 1973, which is two-thirds of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis

Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Based on calendar year 1973

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 362,404.33	
Receipts for year 1973	<u>1,936,861.35</u>	
Total		\$ 2,299,265.68
Payments per Warrants in 1973	1,802,083.57	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1973	21,160.65	
Franklin County Trust Company (General Checking)	430,610.53	
Franklin County Trust Company (Revenue Sharing Checking)	3,095.20	
State Street Bank & Trust Company (Sewer Account Checking)	14,997.51	
Franklin Savings Institution (Revenue Sharing Savings)	261.61	
(Revenue Sharing Savings)	219.77	
(Revenue Sharing Savings)	9,573.27	
(Revenue Sharing Savings)	9,449.13	
(Revenue Sharing Savings)	<u>7,814.44</u>	
Total		\$ 2,299,265.68

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST CO. GENERAL CHECKING

(December 31, 1973)

Balance per Statement		\$ 450,409.72
Balance per Book	\$ 430,610.53	
Outstanding Checks	<u>19,799.19</u>	450,409.72

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST CO. REVENUE SHARING CHECKING

(December 31, 1973)

Balance per Statement		\$ 3,101.55
Balance per Book	\$ 3,095.20	
Outstanding Checks	<u>6.35</u>	3,101.55

STATE STREET BANK & TRUST SEWER CHECKING

(December 31, 1973)

Balance per Statement		\$ 14,997.51
Balance per Book	\$ 14,997.51	
Outstanding Checks	<u>-0-</u>	14,997.51

FRANKLIN COUNTY TRUST CO. SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/73	\$ 20,314.76	
Interest received 1973	459.64	
Account closed 4/9/73	<u>\$ 20,774.40</u>	

STABILIZATION FUND
(Franklin Savings Institution)

Balance of 1/1/73	\$ 91,135.55	
Transferred to a one-year term certificate	50,000.00	
Interest received on regular savings account	3,824.19	
Interest received on term certificate	2,290.88	
	<u>\$ 6,115.07</u>	
Beginning Balance	91,135.55	
Balance 12/31/73		\$ 97,250.62

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ -0-	
Collected in 1973	6,044.16	
Payment to Franklin County Retirement Board	6,044.16	
Balance December 31, 1973	-0-	

MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ -0-	
Collected in 1973	8,253.50	
Paid to Teachers' Retirement Board	8,253.50	
Balance December 31, 1973	-0-	

PIONEER VALLEY UNION TEACHERS' ASSN. DUES

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ -0-	
Collected in 1973	1,052.64	
Paid to Pioneer Valley Teachers' Assn. in 1973	1,052.64	
Balance December 31, 1973	-0-	

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES'
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Collected in 1973	\$ 3,118.00	
Paid to the Credit Union in 1973	3,118.00	

TEACHERS' ANNUITIES WITH
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Collected in 1973	\$ 2,152.00	
Paid to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in 1973	2,152.00	

TEACHERS' BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ -0-	
Collected in 1973	2,949.72	
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service	2,949.72	
Balance December 31, 1973	-0-	

HIGHWAY, ETC. BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	-0-
Collected in 1973		2,130.34
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service		2,130.34
Balance December 31, 1973		-0-

GROUP INSURANCE WITH GREENFIELD SAVINGS BANK

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	-0-
Collected in 1973		162.36
Payment to Greenfield Savings Bank		162.36
Balance December 31, 1973		-0-

FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	-0-
Federal Tax deducted in 1973		37,653.44
Paid to Internal Revenue		37,653.44
Balance December 31, 1973		-0-

MASSACHUSETTS WITHHOLDING TAXES

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	-0-
State Tax deducted in 1973		10,478.62
Balance December 31, 1973		-0-

This year the Town borrowed a total of \$300,000 in the General Fund with interest rates ranging from 3.69 percent to 5.85 percent; compared to 1972 average rate of 2.4 percent.

We borrowed \$234,400.00 for our Sewer Account with interest ranging from 4.39 percent to 5.70 percent. Only \$40,000.00 of this was new money; the remainder was renewal of notes in anticipation of Federal and State Grants.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie A. Wickey
Town Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

FIRST ALLOTMENT (\$16,507.00)

Check received and deposited in a Certificate of Deposit at the First National Bank. Became due on March 22, 1973. Transferred at that time to a savings account at the Franklin Savings Institution. On April 13 the original amount was transferred to a special checking account at the Franklin County Trust Co.

Interest received from CD	\$203.45	
Interest received in 1973		
from original savings acct.	<u>60.48</u>	
Total interest received to date:		\$ 263.93

SECOND ALLOTMENT (\$15,840.00)

Check received 1/15/73 and deposited in a savings account with the Franklin Savings Institution. On April 4 original amount transferred to the Franklin County Trust Co. checking account.

Interest received to date:		\$ 221.72
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THIRD ALLOTMENT (\$9,299.00)

Check received 4/13/73 and deposited with the Franklin Savings Institution.

Interest received to date:		\$ 359.57
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FOURTH ALLOTMENT (\$9,300.00)

Check received 7/7/73 and deposited with the Franklin Savings Institution.

Interest received to date:		\$ 233.33
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FIFTH ALLOTMENT (\$7,793.00)

Check received 10/12/73 and deposited with the Franklin Savings Institution.

Interest received to date:		\$ <u>91.07</u>
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TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED ON REVENUE SHARING

\$1,169.62

Respectfully submitted
Marie A. Wickey
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS
(Passbooks in Custody of Treasurer)

The following are all 90-day notice accounts with the Franklin Savings Institution.

NAME	BALANCE		INTEREST		BALANCE
	1/1/73	To Town	To Book	12/31/73	
Belcher Center Cemetery	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 41.14		\$ 1,000.00	
" "	1,000.00	66.56		1,000.00	
Belcher Center School Fund	250.00	16.64		250.00	
" "	1,000.00	66.56		1,000.00	
Belcher Library Funds	9,739.01	648.19		9,739.01	
Mary H. Callender	500.00	33.27		500.00	
James Cowles - Center Cemetery	2,000.00	133.09		2,000.00	
C.P. Dickinson Library Fund	3,000.00	199.66		3,000.00	
D.A.R. Book Fund	100.00	5.25		100.00	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	500.00	33.27		500.00	
G.F. Morgan Worthy Poor	3,000.00	199.66		3,000.00	
Maude Montague Library Fund	2,009.60	133.70		2,009.60	
Edward D. Priest et ux	7,292.49	485.33		7,292.49	
Marina Stanley Fund					
(\$10.00 deposited 6/25/73)	580.00	38.89		590.00	
Calvin Stearns - Center Cem.	500.00	33.27		500.00	
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	2,182.01		\$ 119.26	2,301.27	
Lottie Evans Worthy Poor	1,782.61		114.17	1,896.78	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00	106.49		1,600.00	

(Passbooks in Custody of Others)

NAME	INTEREST RECEIVED IN 1973
Martha W. Alexander Fund	\$244.77
" " "	244.77
" " "	152.95
Elisha Alexander Fund	126.24
Mary M. Ruggles Starkweather	499.92

The following are accounts at the Greenfield Savings Bank:

Martha W. Alexander Estate	193.26
Flora E. Lane Estate	12.64

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Wickey
Treasurer

1973

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

CENTER CEMETERY

Nelson & Nettie Spring	100.00	Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Emma Holtnorth	100.00	S. E. Walker	200.00
John F. Rice	100.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	M. Margaret Laire	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Hezekia & Elizabeth	
George R. Stebbins	50.00	Stratton	80.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00	Hezekiah & Molly	
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Stratton	80.00
John E. Nye	100.00	Rufus & Asenath	
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	Stratton	80.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Thomas Callender	50.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Johnson Fund	123.06	Sarah J. Whitehead	50.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00	Lewis Fowler	100.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Alvin Long	50.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H.	
Isaac Cook & Wright		Lyman	400.00
Stratton	100.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Benjamin Field &	
Levi Fay	150.00	Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Charles Osgood	500.00
James Pickard	100.00	Louis Frederick	
Augusta L. Day	100.00	Bartlett	100.00
Elizah Belding	125.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
James White	100.00	Rose A. Holton	100.00
Arad Webster &		C. D. Merrian &	
William Billings	500.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Nellie Nye	400.00
Elizah Belding	100.00	Cora B. Preston &	
A.M.D. Alexander	300.00	Asa Holton	100.00
Chas. Alexander &		Frank & William Piper	100.00
Richard Colton	200.00	L. O. Clapp Lot	100.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Hachita Lots	440.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	Samuel & Elizab	
Amos Shepardson &		Merriman	1,760.00
Anna S. Preston	150.00	Mary V.H. Slade	125.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	Mrs. Geo. Spofford	200.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00	Daniel P. Sutherland	100.00
Albert Brigham	100.00	George N. Kidder	500.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Tie-Webster Lot	100.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Louis M. Potts	200.00
Dr. Stratton White & George		Frank & Jennie Lombard	100.00
& William Hastings	300.00		
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00		\$13,038.06
William R. Moody	100.00		
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00		
Clara B. Torrey	100.00		

MOUNT HERMON CEMETARY

Henry F. Cutler	100.00
Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	10.00
Est. Jane E. Holton for Charles Barton Holton Lot	100.00
Claire H. & Alfred D. Montague	100.00
Marjorie W. Prescott	100.00
Julia Elizabeth Pierce, Edward Curtis Blake, Barbara Pierce Blake	100.00
Joseph Costogue	200.00
Hessie H. Hyde	300.00
Julia Mary Stark	100.00
William Eberhard Est.	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	90.00
L. Lorimer Drury Family Lot	100.00
Jane E. Nunn (In the name of Wm. & Sarah Eberhardt)	100.00
	<u>100.00</u>
	\$2,950.00

NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

James Browning & Robert Washer	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00
Eva J.S. Clough	200.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa Graves	51.69
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00

Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
James & Wm. Merriman	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Larkin Fisher, Frank & Lucy Rose	50.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Ashael & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Rufus Stratton & Oren D. Darling	150.00
Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00
William Barnes	100.00
George Stratton	250.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Wetherhead	75.00
Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Herbert Dutton	100.00
Murray Hammond	100.00
Nettie Gilbert	300.00
George H. Pratt	100.00
Lawrence A. Comins	100.00
Clayton P.B. Miller	100.00
Lincoln E. Warner	100.00
	<u>\$4,651.69</u>

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Cecil Wilson	100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S.E.K. Priest	200.00
George F. Witt	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00
Edna M. Kelley	150.00
Boyd Palmer	25.00
Vernon Playful	100.00
Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth	25.00
Alice Dutton Yerrington	150.00
Est. of LeRoy R. Barnes	100.00
	<u>\$2,050.00</u>

INTEREST RECEIVED ON PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

(Accounts are 90-day notice at the Franklin Savings Institution)

Center Cemetery	\$ 842.19	
Mt. Hermon Cemetery	192.09	
Northfield Farms		
Cemetery	302.22	
West Northfield Cemetery	<u>136.44</u>	
Total		\$ 1,472.94

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Wickey

Treasurer

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

1972 Personal Property	856.50	
Real Estate	8,446.59	9,303.09
1973 Personal Property	145,118.57	
Real Estate	728,190.98	873,309.55
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1971	313.79	
Levy of 1972	46,482.15	
Levy of 1973	58,110.37	104,906.31
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1972	115.36	
Levy of 1973	3,110.75	3,226.11
Sewer Assessment		
Levy of 1972	360.00	
Levy of 1973	12,240.00	12,600.00
1972 Sewer Assess. add. to taxes	84.00	
1972 Committed Interest on Sewer Assessment	6.15	90.15
Accounts Receivable		
Veterans' Benefits	1,123.54	
Sewer Dumping	620.00	
Sewer Entrance Fee	150.00	1,893.54
Federal Grant		
Sewage Project		75,200.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds		42,232.00
Interest on Rev. Sharing Funds		926.22
Aid to Highways		
State	14,369.00	
County	4,000.00	18,369.00
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Taxes	37,653.44	
State Withholding Taxes	10,478.62	
County Retirement	6,044.16	
Teachers' Retirement	8,253.50	

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	6,091.60	
Life Insurance	182.66	
Credit Union	3,118.00	
Teachers' Association Dues	1,052.64	
Teachers' Annuities	2,152.00	
United Fund	14.25	75,040.87
Trust Funds Interest		
Elisha Alexander Charity	108.24	
George F. Morgan Charity	170.37	
Roselle Evans Poor	28.40	
Starkweather Charity	428.64	
Belcher Center School	71.00	
Belcher Library	553.10	
Maude Montague Library	114.09	
Marina Stanley Book	33.14	
Charles Dickinson Book	170.37	
DAR Book	5.67	
PC Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mtn.	1,098.47	
PC Northfield Farms	256.81	
PC West Northfield	535.96	
PC Mary Callender Lot, Mt. Hermon	28.40	
PC Calvin Stearns Lot, Center	28.40	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	90.87	3,721.93
State		
Chapter 70 School	43,309.02	
Chapter 71 Transportation	11,077.36	
Chapter 71 Aid to Reg. Sch. Mem.	4,265.33	
Chapter 74 Voc. Sch. Tuition	3,008.00	
Chapter 74 Voc. School. Trans.	4,195.00	
Machinery Basis	300.69	
Chap. 812/71 Reimb 71 Census	602.75	
Corp. & Tax Reimb Local AS	17,630.77	
Beano taxes	25.00	
Library Aid	986.63	85,400.55
Tax Collector's Costs		
Interest on Taxes		718.00
Tax Titles Redeemed		859.93
Tax Title Costs & Interest		121.33
Road Machinery Fund		27.53
Rent, Town Hall		4,637.79
Rent, Alexander Hall		75.00
Police Dept. Licenses & Permits		6.00
Police Accident Reports		356.00
Building Permits		73.00
Plumbing Permits		92.00
Disposal and Sewage Permits		257.00
Liquor License		30.00
Other Licenses and Permits Granted		1,500.00
Nurse's Fees		178.50
		2,427.60

Medicare Reimbursement	1,036.00
Library Fines	374.74
Court Fines	456.60
County Dog Refund	369.55
County Dog Officer	460.00
School Lunch	18,366.20
Sale of Cemetery Lots	140.00
Trust Funds	1,960.00
Regional Vocational School Bonding Election	253.28
Bid Deposit	500.00
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue	300,000.00
Temp. Notes in Anticipation of Federally Aided Project	234,400.00
Dog Licenses Collected for County	578.40
Library Extension, Title II	538.79
Ambulance Service	2,000.00
Clinic Donations	31.16
Interest on Savings Account	459.64
Tercentenary Committee	48,882.55
Advertising Reimbursements	39.23
Insurance Reimbursement	76.00
Graves	195.00
Auction of Town Equipment	520.20
Gifts to Tercentenary Committee	1,357.95
Gift to Town Hall	25.00
Gift for Sewer Pipe Repairs	6,000.00
Copier Use	24.90
Sale of By-Laws	10.00
Refunds	256.18
Sundry	10.23

Total Receipts \$ 1,936,900.60

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1973 362,404.33

\$ 2,299,304.93

PAYMENTS

	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Moderator and Expense	120.00	78.00	42.00
Selectmen	3,675.00	2,450.00	1,225.00
Selectmen's Expense	2,300.00	1,787.09	512.91
Duplicating Mach. & Related Equip.	1,000.00	1,000.00	---
Selectmen's Secretary	2,100.00	1,312.41	787.59
Accountant	2,850.00	1,900.00	950.00
Accountant's Expense	150.00	39.73	110.27
Legal Expense	3,750.00	1,975.00	1,775.00
Treasurer	2,850.00	1,900.00	950.00
Treasurer's Expense	1,100.00	849.75	250.25
Tax Collector	2,700.00	1,800.00	900.00
Tax Collector's Expense	1,800.00	708.02	1,091.98
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.74	319.25	181.49

Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	---	25.00
Assessors and Clerk	5,325.00	3,550.00	1,775.00
Assessors' Expense	1,600.00	730.84	869.16
Assessors' Map	15,750.00	14,164.58	1,585.42
Town Clerk	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
Town Clerk's Expense	300.00	45.06	254.94
Election and Registration	2,500.00	1,652.83	847.17
Planning Board Expense	1,100.00	259.35	840.65
Master Plan	5,959.00	57.57	5,901.43
Board of Appeals Expense	250.00	82.32	167.68
Finance Board Expense	175.00	80.20	94.80
Town Hall Expense	15,016.95	6,317.97	8,698.98
Paint Town Hall Hallways, etc.	860.00	860.00	---
Town Hall Kitchen	5,700.00	5,700.00	---
Slate House	500.00	.25	499.75
Police Chief Salary	14,375.00	9,500.00	4,875.00
Special Police Salaries	6,000.00	3,887.86	2,112.14
Police Dept. Secretary	2,100.00	1,312.39	787.61
Police Dept. Operating Expense	7,539.25	5,065.33	2,473.92
Police Transmitter Equip. and Radios	2,525.00	2,525.00	---
Police Dept. Antenna - Town Hall	500.00	479.75	20.25
Police Cruiser and Related Equip.	4,000.00	3,633.95	366.05
Fire Department Salaries	825.00	550.00	275.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	9,000.00	5,933.20	3,066.80
Fire Dept. Hose and Equipment	2,250.00	705.96	1,544.04
Forest Fire Truck	11,983.05	11,980.57	2.48
Hydrants	750.00	500.00	250.00
Water Holes	800.00	475.83	324.17
Maint. of Fire Station & Garage	3,600.00	2,404.70	1,195.30
Blacktop Fire Station Driveway	1,000.00	943.59	56.41
Public Safety	75.00	50.00	25.00
Wire Inspector	150.00	---	150.00
Tree Trimming and Planting	2,800.00	1,914.08	885.92
Dutch Elm Control	2,800.00	1,660.21	1,139.79
Insect and Pest Control	2,800.00	1,912.00	888.00
Dog Officer and Expense	525.00	350.00	175.00
Civil Defense	1,188.77	53.63	1,135.14
Board of Health Salaries	787.50	525.00	262.50
Health	3,000.00	552.22	2,447.78
Mental Health & Retardation Services	2,500.00	426.30	2,073.70
Community Awareness Council	2,500.00	68.75	2,431.25
Dump Control	18,000.00	7,042.45	10,957.55
Ambulance Service	7,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Nurse and Substitute	9,100.00	6,634.00	2,466.00
Nurse's Expense	700.00	546.88	153.12
Nurse's Clerk	4,200.00	2,762.95	1,437.05
Nurse's Car Expense	800.00	305.53	494.47
Inspection of Animals	675.00	---	675.00
Sewage Project	309,600.00	296,844.49	12,755.51
Town Hall Sewer Connection	24,672.90	23,238.65	1,434.25
Sewer Commissioners' Salaries	787.50	511.00	276.50
Sewer Commissioners' Expense	200.00	---	200.00
Operation & Maint. Sewage Project	25,238.00	15,279.32	9,958.68

Gift from NMH for Sewer Pipe Repairs	6,000.00	6,000.00	---
Repairs to Sewage Disp. System	9,000.00	7,143.23	1,856.77
Legal Fees & Surveys for Easements- Sewage System	5,000.00	---	5,000.00
Easements for Sewage Project	100.00	---	100.00
Interest Charges for Sewage Project	6,000.00	2,194.27	3,805.73
Highway Supt's. Expense	450.00	206.34	244.66
Machinery Maintenance	24,000.00	14,179.22	9,820.78
Highway Tools	750.00	6.89	743.11
Hwy. Sick, Vac., Holidays	8,500.00	4,854.23	3,645.77
Chapter 81	28,762.00	26,739.54	2,022.46
Chapter 90 Maintenance	12,000.00	7,996.55	4,003.45
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	18,109.13	18,109.13	---
Chapter 90 Const. 1972	28,800.00	11,784.87	17,015.13
Chapter 90 Const. 1973	26,800.00	---	26,800.00
Snow Removal	35,000.00	12,573.87	22,426.13
Highways, Bridges, Railings	7,000.00	3,462.57	3,537.43
Sander Body	3,500.00	2,977.60	522.40
¾ Ton Pick-up	6,000.00	4,980.95	1,019.05
Dump Truck	15,000.00	13,936.90	1,063.10
Sidewalks	1,500.00	800.00	700.00
Street Lights	23,315.00	13,051.67	10,263.33
Survey of Schell Bridge	3,000.00	---	3,000.00
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00	---	350.00
Soldiers' Relief	10,000.00	5,396.32	4,603.68
Elem. School Comm. Salaries	630.00	420.00	210.00
P.V.R.S. Comm. Expenses	300.00	---	300.00
Schools	466,943.00	253,973.21	212,969.79
PVRS Capital & Operating Budgets	594,591.04	352,248.80	242,342.24
Reg. Voc. School District	4,833.66	3,222.44	1,611.22
Dickinson Library	21,590.18	13,751.38	7,838.80
Furniture for Childrens' Room-Library	500.00	200.42	299.58
Microfilming & Viewer	1,500.00	376.33	1,123.67
Field Library	375.00	250.00	125.00
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	500.00	11,500.00
Town Reports	3,007.75	1,507.75	1,500.00
Memorial & Veterans' Days	800.00	323.59	476.41
Alexander Hall	600.00	243.45	356.55
Interest	4,800.00	4,643.00	157.00
Insurance	25,000.00	14,412.67	10,587.33
Chapter 32 B	20,081.12	8,746.36	11,334.76
Fish for Stocking Streams	600.00	300.00	300.00
Town Clock	150.00	117.00	33.00
Land Damages	500.00	---	500.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, Field Drivers	25.00	---	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	700.00	303.26	396.74
Tercentenary Committee	46,253.31	46,152.06	101.25
Historical Society Building	700.00	487.19	212.81
Conservation Committee Expense	75.00	15.00	60.00
Recreation Committee	6,060.00	3,068.60	2,991.40
Purchase King Philip's Hill	10,000.00	---	10,000.00

Environmental Study of Davis Property	3,000.00	---	3,000.00
Cemeteries	7,500.00	2,296.54	5,203.46
Fire Station Bond & Interest	6,144.00	3,108.00	3,036.00
Refunds on Taxes		1,105.56	
Refunds on M.V. Excise		3,162.90	
Tax Collector's Costs		551.00	
State Parks and Reservations		7,416.83	
State Assessment		96.44	
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills		287.85	
County Tax		38,576.92	
County Retirement System		18,523.20	
Veterans' Service Center		3,998.10	
State Audit		1,110.32	
P. V. Air Pollution Control Board		199.27	
County Dog Officer		490.00	
Dog Licenses to County		586.35	
School Lunch		17,336.43	
Library Extension, Title II		538.79	
National Defense Education, Title III		315.90	
Federal Withholding Taxes		37,442.74	
State Withholding Taxes		9,564.79	
County Retirement		5,475.03	
Teachers' Retirement		7,562.40	
Mass. Hospital Service		5,909.08	
Life Insurance		175.34	
Credit Union		2,893.00	
Teachers' Association Dues		915.12	
Teachers' Annuities		2,102.00	
United Fund		12.50	
Trust Funds to Savings Account		1,960.00	
Centenary Committee Gifts		1,357.95	
Bid Deposit		500.00	
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue		300,000.00	
Temp. Notes in Antic. of Fed. Aid. Project		269,600.00	
Total Payments		\$ 1,802,122.82	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1973		<u>497,182.11</u>	
		\$ 2,299,304.93	

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,800.00
Transfer		500.00
Supplies	626.02	
Telephone	231.39	
Dues	140.00	
Meetings	351.01	
Advertisements	138.72	
Lawyers' Co-op. Pub. Co.	149.95	
Land Appraisal	150.00	1,787.09

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		150.00
Postage	.96	
Supplies	30.83	
Meeting	8.90	39.73
Balance		110.27

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,100.00
Association Dues	8.00	
Supplies	662.00	
Treasurer's Bond	124.00	
Certification of Notes	37.00	
Office Machine Repairs	18.75	849.75
Balance		250.25

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,800.00
Supplies	419.77	
Association Dues	8.00	
Office Machine Repairs	56.25	
Tax Collector's Bond	214.00	
Meetings	10.00	708.02
Balance		1,091.98

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,600.00
Association Dues	27.00	
Supplies	160.25	
Registry of Deeds	114.00	
Telephone	7.86	
Computer Fund	197.81	
Office Equip. Service	66.10	
Travel	128.70	
Advertisements	7.12	
Meetings	22.00	730.84
Balance		869.16

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		300.00
Association Dues	15.00	
Clerk's Bond	10.00	
Supplies and Postage	20.06	45.06
Balance		254.94

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		2,500.00
Registrars	474.00	
Elections	603.78	
Ballots	206.48	
Warrants	33.22	
Street Lists	294.00	
Supplies	41.35	1,652.83
Balance		847.17

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HALL

Appropriation		15,000.00
Custodians	2,956.97	
Supplies	307.91	
Fuel	1,461.28	
Electricity	395.86	
Water	119.64	
Town Payroll	275.13	
Repairs	365.03	
Equipment	314.95	
Special Hall License	25.00	6,317.97
Window Cleaning	96.20	8,682.03
Balance		

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		7,500.00
Refund		39.25
Cruiser Expense	2,017.51	
Equipment & Supplies	1,842.17	
Telephone	1,110.95	
Dry Cleaning	44.70	
Greenfield Police	50.00	5,065.33
Balance		2,473.92

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		9,000.00
Payroll	3,355.96	
Supplies	2,112.08	
Telephone	465.16	5,933.20
Balance		3,066.80

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION AND GARAGE

Appropriation		3,600.00
Electricity	777.27	

Fuel	890.02	
Water	60.30	
Supplies	218.56	
Highway Payroll	458.55	2,404.70
Balance		1,195.30

TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING

Appropriation		1,800.00
Transfer		1,000.00
Payroll	1,834.50	
Supplies	79.58	1,914.08
Balance		885.92

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,800.00
Payroll	1,588.75	
Supplies	64.03	
Repairs	7.43	1,660.21
Balance		1,139.79

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		2,800.00
Payroll	135.00	
Supplies	201.00	
Hired Machinery	576.00	
Transferred to Tree Account	1,000.00	1,912.00
Balance		888.00

HEALTH

Appropriation		3,000.00
Clinic	90.73	
Telephone	2.36	
Supplies	212.40	
Association Dues	6.00	
Physician	210.00	
Advertising	30.73	552.22
Balance		2,447.78

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		18,000.00
Attendant	3,987.50	

Abalene	96.00	
Highway Payroll	987.55	
Hired Equipment	1,822.00	
Gravel	60.15	
Oil	65.70	
Supplies	23.55	7,042.45
Balance		10,957.55

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE PLANT

Appropriation		25,238.00
Attendants	9,802.00	
Mileage	23.00	
Supplies	896.38	
Electricity	2,886.94	
Telephone	157.51	
Water	21.54	
Certification for attendant	30.00	
Highway Payroll	144.73	
Advertising	29.27	
Billing	300.00	
Canadian Railroad	75.00	
Hired Machinery	562.95	
Penetryn System	350.00	15,279.32
Balance		9,958.68

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Supplies	75.38	
Dues	10.00	
Insurance	15.00	
Office Equipment	234.45	
Telephone	63.35	
Other	126.20	546.88
Balance		153.12

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		450.00
Association Dues	10.00	
Telephone	171.78	
Advertising	24.56	206.34
Balance		244.66

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		13,000.00
Machinery Fund		11,000.00

Payroll	2,928.70	
Supplies and Repairs	8,390.94	
Gasoline	2,859.58	14,179.22
Balance		9,820.78

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		7,000.00
Payroll	1,814.18	
Supplies	1,139.79	
Hired Machinery	491.50	
Advertising	17.10	3,462.57
Balance		3,537.43

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		10,500.00
Surplus Revenue		18,262.00
Payroll	13,573.74	
Hired Machinery	2,463.50	
Materials	10,702.30	26,739.54
Balance		2,022.46

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		4,000.00
Surplus Revenue		8,000.00
Payroll	1,525.76	
Hired Machinery	480.00	
Materials	5,990.79	7,996.55
Balance		4,003.45

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1971

Balance		18,109.13
Payroll	5,421.14	
Town Machinery	2,728.51	
Hired Machinery	2,796.50	
Materials	7,162.98	18,109.13

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1972

Balance		28,800.00
Payroll	2,559.13	
Town Machinery	1,909.28	
Hired Machinery	1,951.50	
Materials	5,364.96	11,784.87
Balance		17,015.13

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		35,000.00
Payroll	7,470.16	
Sand	1,364.42	
Salt	3,189.71	
Repairs and Supplies	31.58	
Schell Hill hired equip.	242.00	
Sidewalks	276.00	12,573.87
Balance		22,426.13

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		20,234.00
County Dog Refund		369.55
State Aid		986.63
Payroll	10,024.19	
Books and magazines	1,963.74	
Repairs	75.52	
Fuel	566.08	
Electricity	324.69	
Telephone	113.87	
Water	36.00	
Bookshelves	256.87	
Supplies	109.62	
Prizes-Poster Contest	18.85	
Travel, Meetings, Dues	91.50	
Summer Reading Program	18.75	
Fire Extinguisher	29.95	
Storm Windows	5.00	
Vacuum Cleaner	116.75	13,751.38
Balance		7,838.80

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation		800.00
Band	50.00	
Plants	172.50	
Marker Flags	101.09	323.59
Balance		476.41

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		600.00
Custodian	207.77	
Supplies	28.62	
Repairs	7.06	243.45
Balance		356.55

SCHOOLS

Appropriation

466,943.00

Teachers' Salaries	163,912.55	
Superintendent's Salary	4,923.85	
Admin. Assistant's Salary	2,154.96	
Clerks	4,366.44	
Custodians	10,727.53	
Travel	1,144.82	
Physician	250.00	
Nurse	1,350.00	
Transportation	33,850.57	
Textbooks	1,775.37	
Student Supplies	4,782.39	
Janitor Supplies	2,066.08	
Fuel	5,876.09	
Water and Current	4,372.09	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,946.65	
Telephone	308.43	
New Equipment	1,400.29	
Office Supplies	460.61	
Tuition	9,018.38	
Administrative Expense	43.81	
Superintendent's Office Expense	1,031.79	
Visual Aids	825.99	
Testing	98.39	
Health Supplies	31.13	
"Gracie" Services	716.00	
Sundry	346.00	258,810.21
Balance		208,132.79

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Appropriation

6,060.00

Payroll	2,411.00	
Supplies and Equipment	342.22	
Telephone	32.49	
Electricity	21.57	
Fuel	66.82	
Basketball League Fee	45.00	
Transportation	149.50	3,068.60
Balance		2,991.40

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		7,500.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Graves	65.00	
Center Cemetery:		
Payroll	712.50	
Water	18.00	
Supplies	9.00	
Equipment	129.94	
West Northfield		
Payroll	506.00	
Supplies	13.40	
Northfield Farms		
Payroll	208.00	
Supplies	2.25	
Mount Hermon		
Payroll	50.00	
Supplies	1.30	2,296.54
Balance		5,203.46

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel D. Fowler, Accountant

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1973

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires 1976
Rev. Philip N. Nelson, Secretary	Term expires 1975
Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires 1974

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Regular Meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M.ED.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
Office - 75 Main Street, Northfield - Tel. 498-2911

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A. in English and French

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page
Mrs. Edith Waaser (P.T.)

OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
School Vacations - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley, III - B.S., M.S.E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Marvin Thompson, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Judith Whitaker, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools open September 6, 1973
Schools open November 26, 1973
Schools open January 2, 1974
Schools open February 25, 1974
Schools open April 22, 1974

Close November 21, 1973
Close December 21, 1973
Close February 15, 1974
Close April 11, 1974
Close June 17, 1974

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Northfield School Committee continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, sharing such evening with the Warwick School Committee, in a concerted effort to provide flexible administrative time to the Superintendent of Schools.

Our continuous involvement has been reflected in program assessment, staff hiring, support project proposals and on-going maintenance programs, framed against a cost effective background.

This year's maintenance program entailed refurbishing of the Center School boiler, shrub replacement and by report printing, will culminate in aluminum storm windows on three sides of the North Building (High School). Future efforts will focus on potential folding partitions in the auditorium and cafeteria areas and continuation of floor tile in designated areas of the school plant. The projection of such efforts, together with 1972-73 project completion, will do much to conserve energy resources, stem heat loss and provide maximum comfort, flexibility, and appearance to our building structures.

The Committee has also continued to implement a gradual, single room furniture replacement program each year. To date grade one is complete and the first room of grade two will provide progressive action toward fulfillment of our primary grade plan.

Our media program has also been bolstered by Northfield Kiwanis donations that have increased our ability to provide maximum learning through a stimulating medium.

The Committee wishes also to recognize the cumulative efforts of Mrs. Jessie Glabach, Mrs. Barbara Doolittle and Mrs. Elizabeth Newton whose combined service of twenty-three years will long be remembered by citizens and children of Northfield Schools. Their 1973 retirement prompted replacement in the persons of Miss Jacqueline Dame, (grade 2), Mr. Charles Donovan, (grade 4) and Miss Carol Thompson, (grade 4). The Committee feels that the richness of background and training evidenced in the above personnel, together with experienced retained staff, bodes well for pupil progress in the Northfield Public Schools.

The Committee wishes to express their appreciation to the total staff, professional and para-professional, whose consistent high effort makes possible a forward-looking program in the elementary schools of Northfield.

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman
Philip N. Nelson, Secretary
Thomas R. Shearer, Rep. to P.V.R.S.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

Northfield Elementary doors opened to (304) pupils in September, 1973 thus maintaining a relatively equal distribution of students within our K-6 program, compatible with prior year numbers and grade divisions.

Our Elementary program has continued to experience an openness and inclusion of resource persons and enrichment experiences that has been reflected in community and area citizens entering our schools within their special area of interest and expertise. This program, together with field experiences to museums, aquariums, planetariums, local historical sites and theatre productions has expanded the walls of our classroom and sharpened the senses of our growing elementary children. We feel especially good about the receptiveness of listed persons who bring much to our classroom environment and actively solicit the participation of those who possess materials, media, exhibits, working knowledge, travel and personal talents, to join in our daily educational endeavors.

In addition, we have continued to assess programs, skill and content development and have produced a yearly testing format capable of providing our staff with an analysis of individual and group strengths and weaknesses. Staff in-service, diagnostic techniques and pupil screening allow us to prescribe and direct follow-up pupil support services and individual teacher expertise to problem sources. Pupil identification and remediation at the elementary level will ultimately allow us to expand developmental services at the secondary level and to reduce in degree the current remedial need at the Jr-Sr. High School level.

K-12 curriculum coordination has been articulated in completed Science and Math Guides and will soon be visible in an on-going Language Arts Curriculum Format which will move toward coordinated goals and objectives within our total system program.

Our in-service program has provided stimulation, coordination of ideas and professional improvement within our professional ranks. It possesses the potential to clarify attitudes, methods and techniques necessary to effect the kinds of pupil-teacher relationship vital to meeting the total needs of our youth.

System-wide we have continued involvement in funded programs whose support personnel, together with budgeted persons, provide services in special education, contracted speech therapy, remedial arithmetic and reading and perceptual needs instruction. They are supplemented by a traveling core of art, vocal and instrumental music and physical education personnel, who share program responsibility vital to student growth.

Co-curricular activity in flag football, field hockey, chorus, softball and craft activity, complement our academic day, providing interest and skill to our program format.

A look to the future reveals local integration of children with identified special needs under Chapter 766 and program responsibility that though somewhat indiscernible at this time, precludes financial and professional involvement in September, 1974, far in excess of current expectation. Despite this commitment, we continue to see a need for program space that seems best realized in an all-purpose structure, capable of providing educational and recreational space for adult and youth population of Northfield. Most needed is a combination cafeteria - physical education - shower facility, large group assembly area and kitchen unit that would free alternative current spaces for our support services. We look forward in the year 1974 to a committed study of viable alternatives to plant and program space in conformity with expressed needs.

We continuously seek to be responsive to community direction and share with the Committee and citizenry justifiable pride in the progress of our educational staff, facilities and program. We are especially appreciative of the encouragement and support provided by parents and Town officials in this cooperative venture.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin F. Harrington
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1973

	Appropriation 1973	Expended 1973	Budget 6-mos 1974	Budget 1974-75
1000 Administration	\$ 11,654.00	\$ 11,013.04	\$ 5,923.00	\$ 12,899.00
2000 Instruction	182,179.00	174,152.22	126,790.00	204,408.00
3000 Other Services	41,445.00	35,481.70	23,988.00	43,363.00
4000 Operation and Maintenance	31,468.00	27,116.66	16,608.00	37,063.00
5000 Fixed Charges	1,526.00	1,430.60	778.00	1,625.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	903.00	599.61	551.00	1,854.00
9000 Programs with Other Schools	14,463.00	9,018.38	8,667.00	16,570.00
	<u>283,638.00</u>	<u>258,812.21</u>	<u>183,305.00</u>	<u>317,782.00</u>

TITLE II

Title II Receipts, 1973
Disbursements, 1973

\$538.79
538.79

No balance

TITLE III

Balance forward to 1973
Disbursements, 1973
Balance forward to 1/1/74

\$320.66
315.90

\$4.76

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1973

Expenditures (Elementary School)	\$258,812.21
Expenditures (P.V.R.S. Northfield's share)	<u>359,369.89</u>
Reimbursements:	
Chapter 70	43,309.02
Vocational Tuition & Transportation	7,203.00
Transportation	11,077.36
State Aid to member Towns in Regional District	4,265.33
Surplus Revenue School Fund	<u>90.87</u>
	<u>65,945.58</u>

\$618,182.10

Reimb. paid to P.V.R.S., Northfield's share

58,947.06

124,892.64

\$493,289.46

Net cost of Education

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST

Year	Total Costs	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per pupil
1964	278,088.76	85,656.90	30.8	192,431.86	616	312.49
1965	300,302.65	90,851.57	30.2	209,451.08	606	345.62
1966	320,726.79	85,893.18	26.7	234,833.61	624	376.33
1967	352,174.31	112,251.35	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16
1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09
1972	613,376.33	170,887.65	27.9	442,488.68	609	726.58
1973	618,182.10	124,892.64	20.2	493,289.46	607	812.67

CENSUS REPORT

October, 1973

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Between ages 0 and 5	64	76	140
Between ages 5 and 7	35	41	76
Between ages 7 and 16	222	222	444

ENROLLMENT

Grade	K (Elementary School)	11	17	28
	1	27	19	46
	2	20	20	40
	3	31	18	49
	4	14	32	46
	5	27	20	47
	6	26	22	48
		<u>156</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>304</u>
	7 (P.V.R.S.)	19	29	48
	8	29	18	47
	9	25	32	57
	10	16	25	41
	11	12	22	34
	12	18	22	40
		<u>119</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>267</u>
Deerfield Special Class	1			1
Greenfield Vocational	7			7
Smith Vocational	1			1
Northfield-Mount Hermon School	13	12		25
Opie Mountain	2	1		3
Austine School		1		1
Eaglebrook	2			2
Bement	1			1
Amherst		1		1
Mass. Hospital School	1			1
Pennsylvania	2			2
Cushing	2			2
Clinical Rehabilitation	1			1
Hall Manor		1		1
	<u>33</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>49</u>

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1973

Opening cash balance		\$922.84
Receipts:	\$17,459.36	
Disbursements	<u>17,442.60</u>	
Closing cash balance		<u>16.76</u>
		<u>\$939.60</u>

HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

During this year, classroom discussions, demonstrations, and films have been given on the following topics: anatomy of eyes and ears; eye glass care; breakfast planning and nutrition; dental health; personal hygiene; and basic first aid.

Handicapped children have been identified with special teaching programs implemented. The children's progress is being reported annually by the home room teachers.

I have attended lectures and seminars at the University of Massachusetts on the Entire Life Cycle, Responsibilities and Social Actions, and "Health Education Curriculum Guide."

There were three (3) immunization clinics held at the Town Hall and sixty-eight (68) immunizations were given to elementary school children.

A survey was completed regarding immunizations given to kindergarten children. This survey was for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Twenty-nine (29) cases of chicken pox were reported to the Northfield Board of Health. Vision testing was completed on all students with fourteen (14) referrals. Hearing testing was completed on all students with six (6) referrals, and flu vaccine was administered by Dr. Thompson to the faculty who wished it.

Three (3) home visits were made for children being evaluated for the Special Education Program. Fourteen (14) home visits were made for children being evaluated for the Perceptually Handicapped Program. There have been close working relationships among the teachers of these programs and the health personnel in determining the health status of the children being evaluated for these classes.

Ninety (90) children were given physical examinations by Dr. Thompson. Kindergarten registration was held in June. Seven children had school physicals.

My thanks go to the faculty for their efforts in contributing to the health care and education of the school children.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Whitaker, R.N.

Marvin Thompson, M.D.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1973

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. John Senior, Chairman	Bernardston
Miss Anita Pike, Vice Chairman	Warwick
Mr. Roger LeBlanc	Bernardston
Mrs. Linda Franklin	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Eva Baker	Leyden
Mrs. Lois N. Bean	Leyden
Mr. Guy Cote	Northfield
Mr. Thomas Shearer	Northfield
Mr. John Thayer	Northfield
Mrs. Helen Whipple	Warwick
Mrs. Fredericka Fellows	Warwick
Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar	Treasurer
Mr. David E. Zellmer	Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL -- 1973

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

During 1973 Pioneer continued to carry out the recommendations which were made by the visiting evaluating committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In April of 1973 a progress report on our N.E.A.S.C.'s Evaluation of May 1972 was submitted to the School Committee. This report listed all twenty-two (22) self evaluation sections and the present status of each recommendation made by the Visiting Committee. In June of 1974 we must submit to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges a two year follow up report.

1973 saw the implementation of our Career Education Program with offerings in Child Development and Care (Grades 11-12), Building and Grounds Maintenance (Grades 10-12), Building Structures (Grades 10-12), Construction and Maintenance Orientation (Grade 9), and Career Orientation (Grade 7). These Occupational Education Programs have truly been a "giant step" for Pioneer in its educational endeavors. Mr. Glenn Yankee, Pioneer's Director of Occupational Education, along with his Citizens Advisory Committees are to be highly commended for their efforts and foresight. These programs have made it possible to better serve the interests of many of our students and adequately prepare them for the world of work.

Indeed our Mini-Course Program held during the week of June 11-15, 1973, was also a highlight of our 1972-73 school year. Again a variety

of courses, seventy-two in all, were offered for student and faculty participation during this week. Under the direction of Miss Carolyn Hoskin and Mr. William Giles, both staff members and students jointly developed the courses. Many community resource people were used both as instructors and chaperones along with Pioneer faculty members and students. Again this program proved to be truly a total "community-team" effort.

ENROLLMENT

Our School opened this September with an enrollment of 601. This is a decrease of 16 students over last year's September enrollment of 617. The decrease is mainly due to those Pioneer students who transferred to vocational school and to Northfield-Mount Hermon.

Our utilization of all available teaching spaces (rooms) for the Fall Semester 1973 was 92% which is considered extremely high. This factor was noted in a report submitted to the P.V.R.S. Building and Grounds Sub-Committee in August 1973. Normal utilization factors range from 80%-85% in most viable school settings. Our space and facility needs continue to be critical in light of present day program needs.

The enrollment as of December 1, 1973, were as follows:

Town of:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>Bern.</u>	<u>Ley.</u>	<u>War.</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grade 7	46	64	50	40	7	13		110
Grade 8	61	48	49	41	14	6		109
Grade 9	65	56	58	41	9	13		121
Grade 10	45	56	43	39	15	4	1	101
Grade 11	31	47	33	31	8	5	1	78
Grade 12	<u>37</u>	<u>44</u>	38	26	10	4	3	<u>81</u>
	205	315						600

CURRICULUM

In addition to the Career Education programs previously mentioned, our Program of Studies for the 1973-74 school year included many new/varied curriculum offerings in our home economics department. The following one semester courses offered are open to both male and female students as a means of personal development and furthering of an understanding of the role they are to play in society: foods, clothing, mastering mealtime, fashion and fabrics, le gourmet, tailoring and design, money, our bodies-our selves, marriage and family, child growth and development. New one semester courses in our industrial arts department include, sheet metal, bench metal, machine shop, cabinet making, wood lathe, electricity, power mechanics. Technical mathematics is a new full year course designed to relate mathematics directly to our programs in Building Structures and Building and Grounds Maintenance. Business Orientation is a new one semester course designed for the student who has not yet taken any business courses but who wishes to learn about and explore career possibilities in the business world.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The Class of 1973 made plans for the future as follows:

4 year College	9	Nursing	2
Greenfield Community College	8	Work	32
Other 2 year schools	4	Service	10
Airline School	2	Undecided	10
Vocational School	2		

IN CONCLUSION

The key to the successes and progress accomplished during 1973 lay in the dedicated efforts put forth by the entire P.V.R.S. team - Superintendent Harrington, the School Committee, administration, faculty, other school personnel, students, parents, and citizens of our school district. My sincere thanks to all for their untiring efforts in behalf of their school and its students.

Please visit your school at any time and feel free to offer advice or suggestions. We can only be totally successful when we are all totally knowledgeable and committed to the advantages and rewards of public education.

I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

William K. Decker

Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1973 - December 31, 1973

Balance on hand December 31, 1972

Capital	\$ 564.30
Operational	(18,775.34)
E & D Operating Surplus	4,717.18
School Lunches	(1,803.85)
Athletic Fund	1,489.18
Band Account	3.57
Student Scholarship Reserve Acct.	381.29
Geo.Barden Fund-Evening Prac.Arts	10.50
Nat'l Defense Education Act-Title II	4.79
Nat'l Defense Education Act-Title III	
	2,015.85
Nat'l Defense Education Act-Title V	859.15
Nat'l Defense Education Act-Title VI	6.63
Reserve for Maturing Debt(Savings Acct.)	9,605.28
Temporary Note #14 dated 12/20/72 -	
due 2/20/73 - revenue borrowing	<u>50,000.00</u>

\$ 49,078.53

RECEIPTS - CAPITAL

School Building Assistance	
Bureau Construction	44,695.17
Interest on Savings Deposits	448.23
Town of Bernardston-Assessment	5,357.20
Town of Leyden-Assessment	1,849.95
Town of Northfield-Assessment	10,059.25
Town of Warwick-Assessment	2,095.72
Withdrawal from Savings	<u>2,401.32</u>

\$ 66,906.84

RECEIPTS - OPERATIONAL

Reimbursement for Transportation -	
Balance - 56% of 1971-72	32,677.68
56.72% of 1972-73	36,466.42
Town of Bernardston Assessment	273,874.71
Town of Leyden Assessment	84,316.49
Town of Northfield Assessment	342,189.55
Town of Warwick Assessment	<u>49,262.24</u>

\$818,787.09

Tuitions:

Town of Greenfield	2,450.00
Town of Gill	2,450.00
J. & T. Hensel	2,450.00
N. Liberatore	980.00
State Wards	2,115.84
Mini-Course	284.05
Child Care and Guidance	<u>150.00</u>

\$ 10,879.89

Carried forward

\$896,573.82 \$ 49,078.53

Miscellaneous:

School Lunches	\$ 39,081.35
Special Educa. Program-Re- imbursement	5,520.00
Blue-Cross/Blue-Shield Refund	4,094.00
Driver Education Fees	1,394.50
Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts	3,548.25
Nat'l Defense Act-Title II	938.41
PL 90-576 Child Care & Guidance	1,604.00
Student Scholarship Fund	1,171.55
Football Scoreboard Acct.	2,775.00
Athletic Equipment Insurance Acct.	419.40
School Band	175.00
Shop Projects	234.61
Use of Building	294.00
Insurance Claim-Driver Education	229.43
Insurance Claim-Burned-out Motor	292.85
Lost Books & Materials	187.14
Telephone Commissions	80.88
Miscellaneous Refunds	234.74
Miscellaneous Receipts	61.60
Franklin County Trust Co.-Temporary loan in anticipation of revenues from towns	<u>100,000.00</u>

\$162,336.71

\$1,058,910.53**TOTAL RECEIPTS AND HOLDINGS**\$1,107,989.06**DISBURSEMENTS - CAPITAL**

Interest due January 1	3,575.00	
Interest due May 1	55.00	
Interest due July 1	3,575.00	
Redemption of 2.20% Bonds	5,000.00	
Redemption of 2.75% Bonds	<u>65,000.00</u>	\$ 77,205.00

DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONAL

Administration	22,786.35	
Instruction	547,171.52	
Other Services	89,768.94	
Operation & Maintenance	85,206.11	
Fixed Charges	28,992.05	
Acquisition of Equipment	27,481.51	
Programs with other Schools	<u>1,096.21</u>	\$802,502.69
School Lunches	40,898.88	
Athletic Fund - Gate Receipts	3,422.28	
Student Scholarship Fund	1,287.70	
Football Scoreboard Acct.	2,775.00	
Athletic Equipment Insur. Acct.	406.45	
Nat'l Defense Act-Title II	961.85	
Nat'l Defense Act-Title III	922.85	
PL 90-576 Child Care & Guidance	<u>1,609.87</u>	\$ 52,284.88

Carried forward

\$ 931,992.57

DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONAL (continued)

Franklin County Trust Co.-payment of
temporary loan in anticipation of
revenue from towns \$ 50,000.00

Franklin County Trust Co.-payment of
temporary loan in anticipation of
revenue from towns 100,000.00

\$150,000.00TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS\$1,081,992.57Balance on hand December 31, 1973

Capital 448.23

Operational 13,156.93

E & D Operating Surplus 4,717.18

School Lunches (3,621.38)

Athletic Fund 1,615.15

School Band 178.57

Student Scholarship Reserve Fund 265.14

Nat'l Defense Education Act-Title II(18.65)

Nat'l Defense Educa. Act-Title III 1,093.00

Nat'l Defense Educa. Act-Title V 859.15

Nat'l Defense Educa. Act-Title VI 6.63

Geo.Barden Fund-Evening Practical
Arts 10.50

PL 90-576 Child Care & Guidance (5.87)

Reserve for Maturing Debt (Savings
Acct.) 7,203.96

Petty Cash 75.00

Athletic Equip. Insurance Acct. 12.95

\$ 25,996.49

\$1,107,989.06TRUST ACCOUNTS - CASH AND SECURITIESBalance on hand December 31, 1972 -

Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund \$ 1,049.45

RECEIPTS

Leonard Eastman Fund 830.35

Interest - Cronyn Acct. 68.26

Interest - Eastman Acct. 32.35

930.96\$ 1,980.41DISBURSEMENTS

Scholarship grant to Daniel Levenson 100.00

Balance on hand December 31, 1973 -

Cronyn Account 1,017.71

Eastman Account 862.70

\$ 1,880.41\$ 1,980.41

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar
Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1973

	Budget-18 mo. 1/1/74-6/30/74	First 12 months (1973)		6 months 1/1-6/30/74	1974-75 12-month Budget
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1000 Administration	\$ 37,677.	\$ 24,871.	\$ 22,786.35	\$ 12,806.	\$ 28,086
2000 Instruction	853,260.	566,377.	547,547.16	296,883.	689,135.
3000 Other Services	147,216.	92,279.	89,768.94	54,937.	94,054.
4000 Operation and Maintenance	128,979.	88,466.	85,206.11	40,513.	105,945.
5000 Fixed Charges	46,304.	27,951.	28,992.05	18,353.	32,219.
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	38,428.	30,559.	27,481.51	7,869.	20,649.
9000 Programs with Other Schools	2,508.	1,568.	1,096.21	940.	18,738.
TOTALS	\$1,254,372.	\$822,071.	\$802,878.33	\$432,301.	\$988,826.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1973

Opening cash balance	\$ (-4,376.77)
Total receipts	\$39,146.35
Total Disbursements	38,125.14
Closing cash balance	\$ 1,021.21
	\$ (-3,355.56)

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CAPITAL BUDGET

July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

Maturing debt, July		\$ 65,000.00	
Interest, July, 1974	\$ 2,681.25		
Interest, January, 1975	1,787.50	<u>4,468.75</u>	\$ 69,468.75

Against this we are applying:

State Aid Building reimbursement	44,695.17		
1973 Savings Bank Interest	448.23		
Savings Bank Withdrawal	<u>2,401.32</u>	<u>\$ 47,544.72</u>	\$ 21,924.03

Apportionment between Towns:

Bernardston 27.8%	6,094.88		
Leyden 9.6%	2,104.71		
Northfield 52.2%	11,444.34		
Warwick 10.4%	<u>2,280.10</u>		\$ 21,924.03

OPERATING BUDGET

Administration	\$ 28,086.00		
Instruction	689,135.00		
Other Services	94,054.00		
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	105,945.00		
Fixed Charges	32,219.00		
Acquisition of Equipment	20,649.00		
Programs with Other Schools	<u>18,738.00</u>	<u>\$988,826.00</u>	

Less Anticipated Revenue from the following sources:

Transportation, state reimbursement			
Tuitions			
Driver Education fees			
Miscellaneous	<u>66,500.00</u>		
Net Operating Budget			\$922,326.00

Apportionment between Towns:

Bernardston	218.5/594.5	\$338,988.79	
Leyden	63 /594.5	97,740.00	
Northfield	268 /594.5	415,782.95	
Warwick	45 /594.5	<u>69,814.26</u>	\$922,326.00

HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the P.V.R.S. School Committee:

Since 8/23/73 the following routine procedures have been performed:

A. Physical Examinations:

- + Grades VII and X - 162
- + Physicals for Varsity sports - 147 (7 - 12)
- + Vision and Hearing Screening Tests - (7 - 12)
- + Student visits to Nurse's office
for health problems - 640
- + Plantar's Wart check - all girls in sports

B. Other:

- + Home visit - one (1) in addition to numerous telephone conferences with parents.
- + Twelve (12) classroom presentations to students on various health topics.
- + Series of weight-control classes for selected students.
- + Influenza vaccine administered to twenty-two (22) faculty members.

C. Professional Meetings:

- + Health Education Committee of W.M.H.P.C. at Springfield and Northampton (2).
- + Vision and Hearing Workshops - Ludlow (2)
- + Pre-Natal Care for Teen-Agers - Greenfield (2)

Perhaps the most important event has been the formation of a Health Education Committee to study the health program offered at Pioneer. This Committee is working to strengthen and broaden the health curriculum and to involve many more students in this course of study.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the P.V.R.S. faculty and student body for the cooperation and support they have extended to their new nurse.

Freida Metelica, R.N.

School Nurse

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TRIAL BALANCE

December 31, 1973

ASSETS

	(18-month) <u>Assessment</u>	Amount <u>Contributed</u>	(6 month) <u>Balance</u>
General Cash			\$ 7,872.09
Savings Accounts			20,313.18
Accounts Receivable:			
Town of:			
* Bernardston	\$ 3,665.68	\$ 1,832.58	\$ 1,833.10
* Buckland	3,998.10	1,999.05	1,999.05
* Colrain	3,108.64	1,554.33	1,554.31
** Conway	2,021.51	1,010.76	1,010.75
* Deerfield	7,430.18	3,715.08	3,715.10
* Erving	2,398.86	1,199.43	1,199.43
** Gill	2,632.46	1,316.22	1,316.24
* Greenfield	33,350.46	16,675.23	16,675.23
* Heath	988.30	494.13	494.17
Montague	16,711.17	11,141.17	5,570.00
** New Salem	961.34	480.66	480.68
** Northfield	4,833.66	2,416.83	2,416.83
** Rowe	557.04	278.52	278.52
** Shelburne	3,593.80	1,796.88	1,796.92
** Sunderland	2,398.86	1,199.43	1,199.43
Warwick	583.99	389.33	194.66
* Wendell	610.95	305.46	305.49
	<u>\$ 89,845.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,805.09</u>	
	Accounts Receivable		\$ 42,039.91
	Cash and Savings		<u>28,185.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS.....			\$ 70,225.18

* Fourth assessment not yet received (Due Dec. 31, 1973)

** Fourth assessment received after December 31, 1973, before
Jan. 10, 1974.

LIABILITIES

	(18 Months) <u>Appropriation</u>	(12 Months) <u>Disbursements</u>	(6 Month) <u>Balance</u>
Appropriations:			
School Committee Clerk	\$ 650.00	\$	\$ 650.00
Treasurer	950.00	350.00	600.00
Legal Services	4000.00	930.92	3069.08
Supplies, Treasurer	250.00	8.93	241.07
School Committee Dues	400.00		400.00
School Committee Postage	1500.00	1035.45	464.55
School Com. Advertising	500.00	328.59	171.41
School Com.Travel-In State	1000.00	38.60	961.40
School Com.Travel-Out State	500.00	43.80	456.20
School Com. Printing	1500.00	1363.00	137.00
School Com. Elections	12000.00	3974.01	8025.99
Director's Salary	22000.00		22000.00
Administrative Assistant-Salary	10600.00	4851.08	5748.92
Secretary's Salary	6875.00	2326.94	4548.06
Clerical Assistance	600.00	481.00	119.00
Supplies, Director's Office	1200.00	638.98	561.02
Postage, Director's Office	500.00	302.78	197.22
Dues, Director's Office	100.00		100.00
Professional Library	200.00	15.40	184.60
Travel, Dir. Office-In State	1500.00	347.85	1152.15
Travel, Dir. Office-Out State	300.00	39.50	260.50
Telephone, (School Committee)	250.00	14.68	235.32
Telephone (Director's Office)	1800.00	905.76	894.24
Electricity-Director's Office	400.00		400.00
Maintenance & Repair-Equipment	150.00	88.94	61.06
Employees' Retirement	3500.00		3500.00
Treasurer's Bond	270.00	54.00	216.00
Liability-Director's Office	1500.00	38.00	1462.00
Rental-Director's Office	2250.00	110.14	2139.86
Debt Service(Current Loans)	7000.00		7000.00
Equipment-Director's Office	5600.00	2204.50	3395.50
	<u>\$ 89845.00</u>	<u>\$ 20492.85</u>	<u>\$ 69352.15</u>
Interest Earned (Savings Accounts)			313.18
Federal Income Tax	*	788.05	436.20
Massachusetts State Tax	*	221.16	123.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....			\$ 70225.18

* Included in Gross Salary Figures

FISCAL 1975 BUDGET ASSESSMENT

PERIOD: 7/1/74 - 6/30/75

GROSS OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 85,700.
NET CAPITAL BUDGET	<u>422,707.</u>
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET	\$508,407.
ESTIMATED STATE GRANT	<u>363,511.</u>
TOTAL GROSS BUDGET	\$871,918. Adopted 1/2/74

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>SHARE</u>	<u>OPERATE %</u>	<u>SHARE</u>	<u>TOTAL SHARE</u>
BERN	3.143	\$ 13,285.68	4.30	\$ 3,685.10	\$ 16,970.78
BUCK	3.543	14,976.50	4.64	3,976.48	18,952.98
COLR	3.201	13,530.85	3.50	2,999.50	16,530.35
CONW	2.012	8,504.86	2.11	1,808.27	10,313.13
DFLD	7.001	29,593.71	8.03	6,881.71	36,475.42
ERVG	3.808	16,096.68	2.71	2,322.47	18,419.15
GILL	2.399	10,140.74	2.51	2,151.07	12,291.81
GFLD	37.995	160,607.52	38.37	32,883.09	193,490.61
HEAT	0.946	3,998.80	1.00	857.00	4,855.80
MONT	15.102	63,837.21	17.26	14,791.82	78,629.03
NSAL	0.848	3,584.55	1.17	1,002.69	4,587.24
NFLD	6.182	26,131.74	5.61	4,807.77	30,939.51
ROWE	4.168	17,618.42	0.57	488.49	18,106.91
SHEL	3.686	15,580.98	4.10	3,513.70	19,094.68
SUND	4.216	17,821.32	2.59	2,219.63	20,040.95
WARW	1.061	4,484.92	0.80	685.60	5,170.52
WEND	<u>0.690</u>	<u>2,916.67</u>	<u>0.74</u>	<u>634.18</u>	<u>3,550.85</u>
TOTALS	100.001	\$422,711.15	100.01	\$85,708.57	\$508,419.72

FISCAL 1975 CAPITAL COST

APPORTIONMENT

District Agreement, Section IV, D states:

"Each member town's share of capital costs shall be determined annually according to the following formula:

- (1) Compute to four decimal places the ratio which the town's total population bears to the total district population as established by the last preceeding official United States Federal Census;
- (2) Compute to four decimal places the ratio which the town's equalized valuation bears to the total district equalized valuation as most recently reported by the State Tax Commission to the General Court, prior to the start of the fiscal year for which the determination is being made.
- (3) Add the two ratios computed to four decimal places together, and;
- (4) Divide the sum by two and round off the resultant combined average ratio to nearest third decimal place."

1972

TOWN	1970 CENSUS	% TOTAL	EQUALIZED VALUATION	% TOTAL	% COMB	% AVG.
BERN	1659	3.4941	9,000,000	2.7911	6.2852	3.143
BUCK	1892	3.9843	10,000,000	3.1013	7.0861	3.543
COLR	1420	2.9907	11,000,000	3.4114	6.4021	3.201
CONW	998	2.1019	6,200,000	1.9228	4.0247	2.012
DFLD	3850	8.1087	19,000,000	5.8924	14.0011	7.001
ERVG	1260	2.6538	16,000,000	4.9620	7.6158	3.808
GILL	1100	2.3168	8,000,000	2.4810	4.7978	2.399
GFLD	18116	38.1550	122,000,000	37.8354	75.9904	37.995
HEAT	383	.8067	3,500,000	1.0854	1.8921	0.946
MONT	8451	17.7990	40,000,000	12.4050	30.2040	15.102
NSAL	474	.9983	2,250,000	.6978	1.6961	0.848
NFLD	2631	5.5413	22,000,000	6.8228	12.3641	6.182
ROWE	277	.5834	25,000,000	7.7531	8.3365	4.168
SHEL	1836	3.8669	11,300,000	3.5044	7.3713	3.686
SUND	2236	4.7094	12,000,000	3.7215	8.4309	4.216
WARW	492	1.0362	3,500,000	1.0854	2.1216	1.061
WEND	405	.8530	1,700,000	.5272	1.3802	0.690
TOTAL	47480	100.0000	322,450,000	100.0000		100.001

FISCAL 1975 OPERATING COST
APPORTIONMENT

District Agreement, Section IV, E, 2 states:

"In the event there is no enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of any year, operating costs for the ensuing fiscal year shall be apportioned to each member town on the basis of the ratio which the number of pupils residing in the town on the said date and enrolled in grades nine through twelve, inclusive, of any public, private or parochial school, wherever located bears to the total number of such pupils from all member towns."

GRADES 9-12

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>10/1/73 SCHOOL CENSUS</u>	<u>OPERATING SHARE %</u>
BERNARDSTON	151	4.30
BUCKLAND	163	4.64
COLRAIN	123	3.50
CONWAY	74	2.11
DEERFIELD	282	8.03
ERVING	95	2.71
GILL	88	2.51
GREENFIELD	1347	38.37
HEATH	35	1.00
MONTAGUE	606	17.26
NEW SALEM	41	1.17
NORTHFIELD	197	5.61
ROWE	20	0.57
SHELBURNE	144	4.10
SUNDERLAND	91	2.59
WARWICK	28	0.80
WENDELL	26	0.74
	<u>3511</u>	<u>100.01</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1973

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1973

DATE	PARENTS
January	
3 Arsenaault, Michelle Lynn	Henry J. & Joanne H.
8 Hendricks, Jericho	Ernest A., Jr. & Pamela J.
February	
5 Wood, Donna Marie	Robert A. & Sue W.
7 Waterman, Andrea Lee	Michael H. & Audrey J.
12 Huber, David Max	Donald G. & Rita M.
25 Genest, David Roger William	Roger W.O. & Virginia I.
March	
2 Scott, Melissa Mary	Brian J. & Kathryn L.
8 Yucavitch, April Dawn	David A. & Rhoda A.
April	
6 Williams, Maureen Elizabeth	Gregory H. & Audrey C.
May	
5 Sears, Rebecca Elizabeth	Robert A. & Karen E.
11 Browning, Samuel Jacob, Jr.	Samuel J. & Joyce M.
15 Miller, Norman A., Jr.	Norman A. & Paula A.
21 Winship, Stacey Lynn	Ronald W., Jr. & Donna J.
30 Foster, Shane Raymond	Frank R., III & Lynn D.
June	
11 Rogers, Peggy Sue	Bradley A. & Norma J.
26 Craig, Jeremy Andrew	James E. & Margaret J.
27 Tilton, Elisha Peter	Nathan P. & Marlene E.
July	
30 Carroll, Philip Anthony	Joseph H. & Barbra J.
August	
11 Blanchard, Jason Arthur	Leslie A. & Doris E.

September

4 Edson, Patrick Lee
21 Fortier, Mark Daniel
27 Clark, Tanya Lee

Sanford L. & Regis A.
Edward L. & Alice E.
Kit R. & Marie E.

October

13 Hod, Liat
26 Billiel, Jane Marie

Nathan & Daniela C.
Frederick J. & Helen C.

November

4 Johnson, Kirk Andrew
22 Marcy, Timothy Paul

Gilbert A. & Dianne M.
Timothy P. & Sandra A.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
January		
✓ 6	Hall, Ralph Edward, Northfield, Mass. Antes, Marlaine Ruth, Conway Mass.	So. Deerfield, Mass.
February		
✓ 10	Choiniere, Donald Dorson, Greenfield, Mass. Pine, Cecile Christina (Trudeau), Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
✓ 17	Marcy, Timothy Paul, Northfield, Mass. Stebbins, Sandra Ann (Stratton), Greenfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
March		
✓ 3	Black, Lester Alan, Northfield, Mass. Gould, Sharon Lee, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 3	Herzig, Edward Dale, Northfield, Mass. Cranson, Linda Lee, Bernardston, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
✓ 24	Rice, David Oliver, III, Bernardston, Mass. Field, Christine Mary, Northfield, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
✓ 31	Johnson, Steven David, Winchester, N.H. Holloway, Gaye, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
April		
✓ 6	Pritchett, Daniel Edward, III, Montague, Mass. Duncan, Meirador Ann, Montague, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 10	Spears, Charles Louis, Northfield, Mass. Jordan, Pauline Pricilla, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 21	Stancell, Arnold Francis, Highland Park, N.J. Newton, Constance Eileen, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 21	Clough, Jerald Peter, Northfield, Mass. Churchill, Sheila Eileen, Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
✓ 28	Barre, James Lyman, Burlington, Vermont Harman, Carol Ann, Burlington, Vermont	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 28	LaPointe, Richard Stanley, Jr., Winchester, N.H. Herzig, Linda Lee, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.

? no original records
44 marriages 1 intention

May

- ✓ 12 VanBuren, Stuart B., Jr., Worcester, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Martin, Janice Ellen, Holden, Mass.
- ✓ 13 Neilson, John Crawford, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Skamarack, Susan Yvette, Millbury, Mass.
- ✓ 26 Austin, Steven Eugene, Corning, N.Y. Northfield, Mass.
Kratz, Joanne, Northfield, Mass.

June

- ✓ 2 Svetaka, Michael V., Northfield, Mass. Bradford, Vermont
Sanborn, Celia J., Hartford, Vermont
- ✓ 2 Leach, Michael Walter, Northfield, Mass. Lexington, Mass.
Culbertson, Lynne Lucia, Lexington, Mass.
- ✓ 9 Leach, Gerald Edward, Pico Rivera, Calif. Greenfield, Mass.
Clark, Kathleen Mary, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 9 Tyler, Thomas Charles, Turners Falls, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Collis, Deborah Jean, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 9 Wilkerson, Ricky Duane, Wapelo, Iowa Northfield, Mass.
Wicks, Patricia Louise, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 14 Rockwell, Dean Kenney, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
Goodwin, Dawn Adair, Gill, Mass.
- ✓ 24 Starbuck, Jonathon Earl, Montague, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Anderson, Valerie, Keene, N.H.
- ✓ 29 Lawson, Daniel L., Greenfield, Mass. Brattleboro, Vermont
Fisher, Linda L., Northfield, Mass.

July

- ✓ 7 Weeks, William Edward, Alstead, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
Geno, Linda Ann, Keene, N.H.
- ✓ 14 Harvey, Robert Alan, W. Springfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Ladzinski, Kathleen Ann, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 30 LaCount, Gary Allen, Northfield, Mass. Hinsdale, N. H.
Sears, Audrey Lee, Keene, N.H.

August

- ✓ 4 Krepp, Peter Jay, Norwich, Conn. Northfield, Mass.
Powers, Sheryl Donna, Tilton, New Hampshire
- ✓ 4 Hincks, Robert Powell, Montague, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Krol, Antonie Lida, Montague, Mass.
- ✓ 19 Bickford, Roy Eugene, Chesterfield, N.H. West Chesterfield,
Morgan, Rua Louise (Jones), Northfield, Mass. New Hampshire
- ✓ 24 Hartwell, Edward Allen, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Felton, Debra Lynn, Montague, Mass.
- ✓ 25 Rafferty, Kevin Joseph, Portsmouth, N.H. Northfield, Mass.
Callahan, Susan Margaret, Northfield, Mass.

September

- ✓ 1 Raymond, George Theodore, Northfield, Mass. Leyden, Mass.
Baker, Brenda Bonnie, Leyden, Mass.
- ✓ 22 Harris, Earl Felton, Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
Myers, Dorothy (Dunham), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 22 Goodwin, Timothy John, Brattleboro, Vermont Northfield, Mass.
Carpenter, Dixie Ellen, Brattleboro, Vermont

October

- ✓ 5 Boliski, Edward Thomas, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Lahoski, Janice Arlene, Greenfield, Mass.
- ✓ 6 Brown, Ronnie Afton, Montague, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Brown, Dale Susan (Gamache), Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 19 Shinn, Albert Richard, Amherst, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Boutwell, Deborah Lee, Northfield, Mass.
- ✓ 27 Woodard, Gerald Francis, Leverett, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Nicholson, Phoebe Payne, Northfield, Mass.

November

- ✓ 3 Black, Neil Raymond, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Koshinsky, Carol Marie, Leyden, Mass.
- ✓ 18 Wheeler, Craig Winsor, Scotia, N.Y. Northfield, Mass.
Coffill, Lydia Barbara, Massapequa, N.Y.
- ✓ 24 Forrest, William Louis, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Pastuszak, Nancy Louise (O'Brien)
- ✓ 30 Fisk, Arthur Roy, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
MacKenzie, Barbara Ann

December

- ? 21 Magnan, Arthur, Jr., Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Starkey, Twyla Jane, Northfield, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Mos.</u>	<u>Days</u>
January				
22	Ladzinski, Jean (Hosmer)	46	9	9
February				
18	Spencer, Winthrop Earle	64	9	23
14	Playful, Vernon Aldis	66	2	12
23	Field, Gertrude M.	91	1	25
April				
7	Koonz, Catherine Lucy (Edes)	71	9	17
13	Llewelyn, Charles William	68	5	11
19	Kane, Robert Vincent	31	3	27
May				
27	Wolf, Frederick Raymond	65	10	16
June				
20	Brock, Wallace A.	59	4	24
July				
5	Peck, Robert John	69	9	1
9	Johnson, Lyman	81	-	-
17	Boliski, Edward Paul	56	2	12
August				
11	Smith, Harrison Preserved, Jr.	69	5	29
27	Dickinson, Bertha Mary	75	0	11
27	Boliski, Rosalie (Duda)	95	11	23
September				
4	Seamans, Mary Brown	86	10	25
24	Luban, Peter Dirk	18	4	17
26	Porter, Catherine Clark	55	10	15
October				
6	True, Ansel Bartlett	65	4	11
November				
19	Lord, Charlotte (Shearer)	63	1	25
22	McCollum, Robert Howard, Sr.	62	2	20
22	Skilton, Merritt Camp	82	4	16
30	Moody, Arline (Prevost)	65	6	23
December				
1	Sliwa, Joseph	82	8	12
5	Trippett, Elsie (Bennet)	89	4	13
26	Warden, Isabel	80	10	23

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1973

Male Dogs	94
Female	9
Female (Spayed)	68
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	9
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	1

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1973

Resident Fishing	72
Resident Hunting	100
Resident Sporting	75
Resident Minor Fishing	15
7-Day Non-Resident Fishing	5
Non-Resident Fishing	29
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting (Big game)	10
Archery Deer Stamp	3
Resident Sporting (Free)	19
Duplicate	4
Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free)	1
Resident Hunting (Free)	1

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1973

Innholder	2
Raffles-Bazaars	4
Gasoline & Fuel	4

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1973

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1973

DATE	PARENTS
January	
3 Arsenaault, Michelle Lynn	Henry J. & Joanne H.
8 Hendricks, Jericho	Ernest A., Jr. & Pamela J.
February	
5 Wood, Donna Marie	Robert A. & Sue W.
7 Waterman, Andrea Lee	Michael H. & Audrey J.
12 Huber, David Max	Donald G. & Rita M.
25 Genest, David Roger William	Roger W.O. & Virginia I.
March	
2 Scott, Melissa Mary	Brian J. & Kathryn L.
8 Yucavitch, April Dawn	David A. & Rhoda A.
April	
6 Williams, Maureen Elizabeth	Gregory H. & Audrey C.
May	
5 Sears, Rebecca Elizabeth	Robert A. & Karen E.
11 Browning, Samuel Jacob, Jr.	Samuel J. & Joyce M.
15 Miller, Norman A., Jr.	Norman A. & Paula A.
21 Winship, Stacey Lynn	Ronald W., Jr. & Donna J.
30 Foster, Shane Raymond	Frank R., III & Lynn D.
June	
11 Rogers, Peggy Sue	Bradley A. & Norma J.
26 Craig, Jeremy Andrew	James E. & Margaret J.
27 Tilton, Elisha Peter	Nathan P. & Marlene E.
July	
30 Carroll, Philip Anthony	Joseph H. & Barbra J.
August	
11 Blanchard, Jason Arthur	Leslie A. & Doris E.

September

4 Edson, Patrick Lee
21 Fortier, Mark Daniel
27 Clark, Tanya Lee

Sanford L. & Regis A.
Edward L. & Alice E.
Kit R. & Marie E.

October

13 Hod, Liat
26 Billiel, Jane Marie

Nathan & Daniela C.
Frederick J. & Helen C.

November

4 Johnson, Kirk Andrew
22 Marcy, Timothy Paul

Gilbert A. & Dianne M.
Timothy P. & Sandra A.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1973

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
January		
6	Hall, Ralph Edward, Northfield, Mass. Antes, Marlane Ruth, Conway Mass.	So. Deerfield, Mass.
February		
10	Choiniere, Donald Dorson, Greenfield, Mass. Pine, Cecile Christina (Trudeau), Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
17	Marcy, Timothy Paul, Northfield, Mass. Stebbins, Sandra Ann (Stratton), Greenfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
March		
3	Black, Lester Alan, Northfield, Mass. Gould, Sharon Lee, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
3	Herzig, Edward Dale, Northfield, Mass. Cranson, Linda Lee, Bernardston, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
24	Rice, David Oliver, III, Bernardston, Mass. Field, Christine Mary, Northfield, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
31	Johnson, Steven David, Winchester, N.H. Holloway, Gaye, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
April		
6	Pritchett, Daniel Edward, III, Montague, Mass. Duncan, Meirador Ann, Montague, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
10	Spears, Charles Louis, Northfield, Mass. Jordan, Pauline Pricilla, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
21	Stancell, Arnold Francis, Highland Park, N.J. Newton, Constance Eileen, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
21	Clough, Jerald Peter, Northfield, Mass. Churchill, Sheila Eileen, Bernardston, Mass.	Bernardston, Mass.
28	Barre, James Lyman, Burlington, Vermont Harman, Carol Ann, Burlington, Vermont	Northfield, Mass.
28	LaPointe, Richard Stanley, Jr., Winchester, N.H. Herzig, Linda Lee, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR 1973

Northfield's Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1973.

Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

A new Shelter for equipment has been erected in Center Cemetery.

The fence has been painted at West Northfield Cemetery. The work on the addition to Mount Hermon Cemetery will hopefully be completed during 1974.

It is planned to start work on a new fence along the east side of the Center Cemetery in the near future.

The fence at the Northfield Farms Cemetery has been painted.

We wish to report the following receipts:

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From Mrs. Doris Cutler, Northfield, Mass. for Perpetual Care of Lot #186 in West Northfield Cemetery	100.00
From Kenneth L. Miller & Velma S. Miller, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #74 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	25.00
From Kenneth Lee & Rosemarie E. Miller, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #73 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	25.00
From Elinor Sheldon, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #81 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From George H. Sheldon, Greenfield, Mass. for Lot #80 in West Northfield Cemetery	25.00
From Byron's Funeral Home, Springfield, Mass. for Dowd Burial	65.00
From Alvin C. Porter, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #184 1/2 in West Northfield Cemetery	15.00
From Darwin W. & Bernice H. Holloway, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #110 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	25.00
From William F. & Elizabeth H. Johnson, Northfield, Mass. for Lot #49 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	25.00
From the Estate of Joseph D. Costogue for Perpetual Care of Lots #11 and 11 1/2 in Mount Hermon Cemetery	200.00

From the Estate of Beatrice C. Stratton for Perpetual Care of George W. Stratton Lot #79 1/2 in Northfield Farms Cemetery	\$250.00
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From Kidder Funeral Home & Co., Inc. for opening grave (Harold Clough)	65.00
	<u>\$1010.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Bassett
Richard H. Bassett
Horace F. Field

Cemetery Commissioners

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 5 and 6, 1973

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 838 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	791
Blanks	47
Moderator, one year	
Corys M. Heselton	500
Edward I. Metcalf	324
Blanks	14
Selectman, three years	
Frederick J. Billiel	560
Thomas C. Handy	263
Blanks	15
Town Treasurer, three years	
Patricia A. Jurek	385
Marie A. Wickey	440
Blanks	13
Assessor, three years	
Edwin H. LaMontagne, Jr.	222
William G. Roberts	597
Blanks	19
School Committee, three years	
Dorothy C. Pollen	302
Wallace E. Stange	519
Blanks	17
Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee, three years	
Guy H. Cote	429
Mary E. Metcalf	386
Blanks	23
Library Trustee, three years	
Donna M. Fairfield	249
Roger W. O. Genest	331
William H. Hawley	377
Evelyn H. Parker	600
Blanks	114
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Roger E. Bassett	544
Ronald A. Galbraith	68
Samuel A. Richardson	204
Blanks	22

Tree Warden, three years	
Richard H. Bassett	593
Richard W. Lawson	233
Blanks	12
Planning Board, five years	
Evelyn H. Becker	456
John A. Hogan	362
Blanks	20
Sewer Commissioner, three years	
Joseph Medeiros	337
Allen M. Sibley	471
Blanks	30
Sewer Commissioner, two years	
James T. Jurek	374
Antonio P. Tosi	427
Blanks	37
Board of Health, three years	
Catherine E. Gilbert	344
John F. Jurkowski	482
Blanks	12

After the reading of the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 6, 1973

Approximately 268 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the Meeting to order and Rev. Harold C. Tallman gave the inno-
vation. The presentation of colors was made by Stewart Balk, and William O'Connell of Boy Scout Troop 9, and Julie Severance and Susan Reddy of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 245.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Parenteau:

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names, nature and length of such service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of March 1973 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

The untimely passing of Mr. Lee Sheldon, former assessor for 21 years, and Mr. Winthrop Spencer, former assessor for 12 years is noted with regret.

Stanley J. Powers - Selectman - 9 years
Doris Hosley - Board of Health - 1 year
Norma Stearns - Board of Appeals - 1 year
Stanley Johnson - Sewer Commissioner - 2½ years
William H. Hawley - Selectmen - 3 years
Owen Stacy - Cemetery Commissioner - 16 years
Peter Leyden, Jr. - Registrar of Voters - 1 year
Shirley Tompkins - Secretary to the Board of Selectmen -
1½ years

(Signed) Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.
Frederick J. Billiel

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A minute of silence was observed in memory of the passing of Messrs. Spencer and Sheldon.

The reading of the Warrant was waived and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town accept without further action the reports of the several Town officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1973, or such current fiscal year as may be established by Act of the Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said financial or fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town empower the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town as provided by Section 100E, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, for expenses or damages incurred by such official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided that in any instance such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of elected officials, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this article, and unless objection is made, each item as recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated; and if objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately, and the amount thereof and the manner of raising same shall be determined by separate vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted thereby; and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the calendar year 1973 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted,
one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount as a single appro-
priation not to be exceeded. (18 month total-Jan. 1,1973-Jan.30,1974)

Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$120.00
Selectmen, Salary	3675.00
Chairman	\$850.00
Other Members	800.00
Expense	1800.00
Secretary	2100.00
Accountant, Salary	2850.00
Expense	150.00
Legal Expense	3750.00
Treasurer, Salary	2850.00
Expense	1100.00
Tax Collector, Salary	2700.00
Expense	1800.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors, Salary	3225.00
Chairman	\$750.00
Other Members	700.00
Expense	1600.00
Town Clerk, Salary	1725.00
Expense	300.00
Elections & Registrations	2500.00
Planning Board Expense	1100.00
Board of Appeals Expense	250.00
Nurse & Substitute	9100.00
Expense	700.00
Clerk	4200.00
Car Expense	800.00
Inspection of Animals	675.00
Interest Charges of Sewer Project	6000.00
Sewer Commissioners, Salary	787.50
Each Commissioner - \$175.00	
Expense	200.00
Highway Supt. Expense	450.00
Highway Tools	750.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	8500.00
Sidewalks	1500.00
Street Lights	17250.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00
Soldiers' Relief	10000.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	630.00
Finance Committee Expense	175.00
Town Hall	15000.00
Police Chief's Salary	14375.00
Special Police Salaries	6000.00
Police Dept. Operating Expense & Equip.	7500.00
Police Dept. Secretary	2100.00
Conservation Commission Expense	75.00

Fire Dept. Salaries	825.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	9000.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2250.00
Hydrants	750.00
Water Holes	800.00
Maintenance of Fire Station	3600.00
Public Safety	75.00
Wire Inspector	150.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	1800.00
Dutch Elm Disease	2800.00
Insect & Pest Control	2800.00
Dog Officer & Expense	525.00
Civil Defense	50.00
Board of Health	787.50
Each Member - \$175.00	
Health	3000.00
Dump Control	18000.00
PVRS School Comm. Exp.	300.00
Elementary Schools	466943.00
PVRS Capital	16094.82
PVRS Operating	578496.22
Town Reports	3007.75
Memorial & Veterans Days	800.00
Alexander Hall	600.00
Interest	3000.00
Insurance	25000.00
Chapter 32B	20000.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	500.00
Historical Society Building	300.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	700.00
Recreation Commission Program	6060.00
Cemeteries	7500.00
Fire Station Bond & Interest	6144.00
Slate House	500.00
Total Art. 5	<u>1324570.79</u>

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board of Assessors under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or employ a clerk, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 to pay the salary of such clerk.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repair and improvement, and that the sum of \$18,262.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the state to be restored upon its receipt to the said unappropriated available funds under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971.

Article 8. VOTED: That the sum of \$6,700.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and the sum of \$20,100.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's and the County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and the County to be restored upon their receipt to said unappropriated available funds, under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State and County shares, the reimbursements from the State and the County under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, to be restored upon receipt to said unappropriated available funds.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for the Machinery Maintenance Account, and transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from the Machinery Earnings Fund.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for highway bridges and railings, such sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the State under Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,238.00 for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are or will be incorporated into the Town's sewage system.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town accept and appropriate for the use of the Dickinson Memorial Library the sum of \$368.55, known as the "Dog Fund", as received from the County, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$986.63 or any other sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, as amended, and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,234.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of additional furniture and furnishings for the children's room at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be expended under the direction of the Library Trustees for microfilming town records, books about the Town, irreplaceable early editions and related materials to be selected with the assistance of the Historical Society and the Tercentenary Committee, together with a microfilm viewer.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,065.00 to implement the additional street lighting plan on file with the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to purchase fish to be liberated to the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 21. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin the sum of \$130.03 as determined by the County Commissioners for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease control.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen of the Town to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term of not more than 18 months, and on such other terms as the Selectmen shall determine.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield-Mount Hermon Schools the sum of \$3,300.00 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the fiscal year 1973-1974, under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve for a Reserve Fund for the current year, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$100.00 for perpetual care of Lot #34, Northfield Farms Cemetery, from William M. Barnes, 635 South East Street, Amherst, Mass.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town hear the report printed in the 1972 Town Report, page 25 of the Committee appointed to determine and carry out procedures necessary for planning for a Tercentenary Celebration for the Town in 1973, and to raise and appropriate a sum of \$20,000.00 to carry out its recommendations.

Article 27. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,833.66 to pay the current expenses of the Regional Vocational School District originally known as the Athol-Franklin County Regional Vocational School District.

Article 28. VOTED: (Reconsidered) That the Town hear the report in the 1972 Town Report, page 21 of the committee appointed to study the Town Hall Kitchen, and that the sum of \$5,700.00 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing and installing kitchen equipment in the Town Hall and to dispose of the present equipment, and to meet the appropriation the sum be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund, to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen. (Vote - Yes 119, No - 54)

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town amend the Pioneer Regional School District Agreement, as amended, by deleting the present Section 5g of the Agreement and substituting therefor the following: 5g. The payment for proportionate shares of operating and capital costs of each of the Member towns for each year shall be made, upon certification by the District treasurer as specified in Section 9 below, by the respective town

treasurers by check payable to the District in five equal installments on the fifteenth day of August, November, January, April and June, provided nevertheless that for the fiscal period beginning January 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974, such dates for said equal payments shall include the fifteenth days of January and April and June 1973," and by adding the following new section 5h: "h. The fiscal year or period of the District shall be the same as the fiscal period of the Member Towns as provided by law, and the terms year, fiscal year, or calendar year as used in this Agreement to mean or refer to a fiscal or budget year shall mean the fiscal year of the District".

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to enable the Board of Health to contract with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in establishing a prevention and treatment program for drugs and related problems with the Towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick.

Article 31. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Mental Health and Retardation Services for the citizens of the Town, under the supervision of the Board of Health.

Article 32. VOTED: That the Town hear any further report of the Regional Refuse District Committee. The Committee was discharged with thanks.

VOTED: Yes-110, No-56 to change the order of Articles 33 and 34.

Article 34. VOTED: That the Town hear the report printed in the 1972 Town Report, page 23, of the Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee in relation to a waste disposal area. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged with thanks.

Article 33. VOTED: That the Town vote on the following question by printed ballot:

QUESTION: Shall the Town accept the provisions of sections 44A to 44K, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a regional refuse district, together with the Towns of Bernardston, Leyden and Gill, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional refuse disposal facility by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen?

VOTE: Yes - 96, No - 92, Blank - 1

Article 35. DEFEATED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase a suitable piece of equipment for compacting at the Town Dump, and that the sum of \$13,345.00 be appropriated therefor, and to meet the appropriation, the funds be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 36. RECONSIDERED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to black-top the driveway in the front of Northfield's Fire Station.

Article 37. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for the purpose of sealing joints in the so-called East Northfield sewer line and for making other necessary repairs in the sewer disposal system of the Town to prevent entrance of storm water into the sewer disposal plant.

Article 38. VOTED: That the Town accept a sum of money as a gift from the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools to be used in conjunction with monies appropriated under Article 37 for the purpose of sealing joints in the so-called East Northfield sewer line, said sum to be equal to one-half of the cost of said work and not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Article 39. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to supplement the appropriation provided under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting held on June 6, 1972, said funds to be used to complete the sanitary sewer for the Town Hall and to connect same to the sewer system.

Article 40. VOTED: That the Town purchase a new Dump Truck and related equipment for the use of the Highway Department, turn in for trade or dispose of an old dump truck, and that the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated therefor, and to meet the appropriation, the funds be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 41. RECONSIDERED: That the Town purchase a new 3/4-ton Pick-up or medium weight 4-wheel drive truck with plow and related equipment for the Highway Department, trade in or dispose of the present Ford pick-up, appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for this purpose, and to meet the appropriation, the funds be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 42. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a Sander Body for the use of the Highway Department.

Article 43. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$860.00 for painting the hallways, 2nd floor and the main entrance of the Town Hall.

Article 44. VOTED BY AMENDED VOTE: That the Town take from Revenue Sharing the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase a duplicating machine and related equipment for use by the Town Hall.

Article 45. VOTED BY AMENDED VOTE: That the Town change its annual election and meeting from the first Monday and Tuesday in March to the first Monday and Tuesday in April, and that the next Annual Election and Meeting shall be held in April 1974.

Article 46. VOTED: That the Town purchase a new Police Cruiser and related equipment for the Police Department, turn in for trade or dispose of the present Plymouth cruiser, and that the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated therefor, and to meet the appropriation, the funds be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 47. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the erection of an antenna on the Town Hall for the use of the Police Department, said antenna to take the place of the temporary antenna which was originally installed.

Article 48. DEFEATED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the installation, and the sum of \$250.00 per year for maintenance of lighting of the existing Town Clock in the tower of the Unitarian Church.

Article 49. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for legal and survey fees required in acquiring easements to enable the Town to assume control or ownership of any or all sewer lines or drains located or installed within the Town.

Article 50. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to acquire easements for the sewer project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 21, 1973

Approximately 136 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order and Rev. Arthur J. Green gave the invocation.

Article 1. VOTED BY BALLOT: Yes-78, No-57, Blank-1 That the Town direct the Selectmen to petition the General Court for the passage of a bill calling for an election to authorize the sale in the Town of Northfield at indoor and outdoor activities, of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages) for the period from May 26, 1973 to June 3, 1973 inclusive.

Article 2. VOTED:(Unanimously) That the Town authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of three to study the possibilities of and the advisability of the construction of an historical society building and to report at the next regular or special Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

SPECIAL ELECTION

May 16, 1973

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 10:00 a.m. the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 322 votes were cast with the following results:

QUESTION A.

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages) commencing May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and seventy-three to and including June third, nineteen hundred and seventy-three?

YES - 159, NO - 163, BLANKS - 0

QUESTION B.

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises commencing May twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and seventy-three to and including June third, nineteen hundred and seventy-three?

YES - 114, NO - 198, BLANKS - 10

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 28, 1973

Approximately 110 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator called the meeting to order and Father John McDonnell gave the inovation.

Article 1. VOTED: Heard the additional report, read by Philip Nelson, from the Committee appointed to study the advisability of establishing a K-6 Regional School District. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

Article 2. DEFEATED: Yes - 44, No - 49. That the Town instruct the moderator to appoint a committee of five (5) persons to serve as the Northfield School Building Committee, one of whom shall be a member of the Northfield Elementary School Committee, and the remaining four (4) to be residents of Northfield with the other two (2) members of the Northfield Elementary School Committee to serve as ex-officio members, for the purpose of planning school construction needs in Northfield, including the employment of an architect and/or consultant, the procuring and preparation of plans and any other acts deemed necessary to present to any annual or special meeting the results thereof and to transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 therefore.

ADJOURNED to second Special Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 received as a gift from the Northfield-Mount Hermon Schools accepted under Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 6, 1973 for the purpose of sealing joints in the so-called East Northfield sewer line.

ADJOURNED at 8:03 p.m. and resumed first Special Town Meeting.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$200.00 from the estate of Joseph D. Costogue for the perpetual care of Lots #11 and #11½ in the Mount Hermon Cemetery in Northfield.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$250.00 from the estate of Beatrice C. Stratton for the perpetual care of the George W. Stratton Lot #79½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the possibilities of, and the advisability of, the construction of a Historical Society Building. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

Article 6. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of installing vinyl asbestos floor tile in the downstairs dining room, kitchen, hallway and restrooms of the Town Hall.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of making repairs to the chimney of the Historical Society Building.

Article 8. VOTED (Unanimously) That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$10,514.49 for the purpose of paying certain unpaid bills incurred by the committee appointed to run Northfield's 1973 Tercentenary Celebration.

Article 9. VOTED (Unanimously) That the Town repeal Section 7(c) of the Protective Regulations By-Law for the Town of Northfield, and substitute therefore the following as Section 7(c):

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of five (5) members and three (3) associates to be appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Chapter 40A of the General Laws, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this by-law in the manner prescribed in said Chapter 40A. Nothing herein shall permit the removal of the existing members of the Board of Appeals other than as provided in Chapter 40A of the General Laws, and the present board shall serve until a new board is duly appointed.

Article 10. VOTED (Unanimously by amendment) To amend the protective regulation bylaws by adding the following section entitled "Moratorium Bylaw" to be designated as section 5(g):

No permit for the construction, erection or alteration of any building for commercial use or for the use of any land for commercial purposes on Main Street in Northfield shall be granted for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of adoption of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. Since the Town of Northfield is in the process of up-dating its Master Plan for its future development, and it is desired to protect said Town pending implementation of said Plan, a moratorium on the issuance of building permits and land use permits for commercial purposes on Main Street is hereby in effect for said period of time. Nothing herein shall affect (1) the operation or effectiveness of any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A; (2) any commercial use in operation at the time of adoption of this Zoning By-Law Amendment; or (3) any application for a permit on file with the Board of Appeals prior to the adoption of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. For the purpose of this section, Main Street shall run from the intersection of Routes 10 and 63 on the South to the point where said routes diverge on the North.

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

November 13, 1973

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendment to general by-laws adopted under Article 9 and the amendment to zoning by-laws adopted under Article 10 are hereby approved.

The within zoning map pertaining to Article 10 is hereby approved.

Robert H. Quinn
Attorney General

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 20, 1973

Approximately 85 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator, called the meeting to order and Chester G. Seamans gave the invocation.

The following resolutions were read by Mrs. Parenteau.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles W. Llewelyn, a resident in the Town of Northfield, for 19 years, and in the meantime served as Chairman and as a member of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee and as a Finance Committee member, having died April 13, 1973, and,

WHEREAS, this community by his death shall suffer the loss of an outstanding and devoted servant, a valued friend, neighbor, and a civic, business and agricultural leader,

WHEREAS, he was one of the best known in the farming field, always striving for better efficiency in production and winning many awards for his agricultural achievements.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, individually and on behalf of the people of the Town of Northfield, do hereby with gratitude publicly recognize Charles W. Llewelyn's many years of community service and leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Special Meeting, published in the next Annual Report of the Town and engrossed copies be presented to members of Mr. Llewelyn's immediate family.

(Signed)

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman

Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

Frederick J. Billiel

Board of Selectmen

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Ansel Bartlett True, a resident in the Town of Northfield, for 27 years served as a faithful Pioneer Valley Regional School physician, having died October 6, 1973, and,

WHEREAS, this community by his death shall suffer the loss of our dedicated and devoted physician, a valued friend and neighbor, and,

WHEREAS, this service and interest in all people and their problems has earned for him the everlasting gratitude and respect and affection of his fellow townsmen,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, individually and on behalf of the people of the Town of Northfield, do hereby with gratitude publicly recognize Dr. Ansel Bartlett True's many years of service as our 'Country Doctor'.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Special Meeting, published in the next Annual Report of the Town and engrossed copies be presented to members of Dr. True's immediate family.

(Signed)

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.
Frederick J. Billiel

Board of Selectmen

Article 1. DEFEATED: Yes - 24, No - 72. That the Town instruct the Selectmen to either purchase, take by eminent domain, or accept a gift of property known as "King Phillip's Hill" located in the Town of Northfield and described in Article 1 of the Warrant for this meeting, from Helen Ann DeWeese for historical purposes under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5 (56), and for this purpose transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$10,000.00

Article 2. VOTED: Yes - 89, No - 15. That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Conservation fund pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5 (51) to enable the Conservation Commission to purchase or take by eminent domain for conservation purposes the property known as "King Phillip's Hill" located in the Town of Northfield and described in Article II of the Warrant for this meeting, from Helen Ann DeWeese.

Article 3. DEFEATED: That the Town accept a gift of \$100.00 from the Historical Society to be applied toward the purchase of the property known as "King Phillip's Hill."

Article 4. VOTED: Yes - 51, No - 31. That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of retaining an environmental expert to prepare a report for the Town studying the environmental impact of a sanitary landfill to be operated on the so-called Davis property located off the Old Route 10.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$1,800.00 to the Interest Account.

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Insect and Pest Control account to the Tree Trimming and Planting account.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

SPECIAL ELECTION

November 28, 1973

At the time and place set forth in the Warrant, the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and at 12:00 noon the polls were declared open. They were closed at 8:00 p.m. It was determined that 271 votes were cast with the following result:

QUESTION:

"Shall the voters of the Franklin County Technical School District approve the incurring of indebtedness by the district in the amount of \$7,244,750.00 as authorized by the District School Committee on November 7, 1973 for acquiring land and constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Vocational Technical High School thereon?"

VOTED: YES 190, NO 81

ATTEST:

Horace F. Field

Town Clerk

To the Citizens of Northfield:

After several years of preliminary planning, the enormous task of organizing and conducting our Town's Tercentenary Celebration was finalized during the first six months of 1973. It was a program requiring the cooperation of hundreds of people, and the spiritual and financial backing of the citizens of Northfield. To say the least, the entire program was a huge success in every respect.

Never in the history of the Town has there been such a feeling of cooperation and willingness to share thoughts, time, money and service. People made new friends by working with others whom they had not known previously. People who had not served the Town before, found pleasure in working on committees. For all those hundreds of people who served on committees, helped in any way, and supported our many events, your committee will be eternally grateful.

Organization:

Most of the preliminary planning for our celebration was in the hands of the original Tercentenary Steering Committee whose organization and personnel and work were outlined in the 1972 Town Report. Upon organization of the official Tercentenary Committee, the Steering Committee acted in an advisory capacity for the remainder of the celebration.

In accordance with the outline of the Rogers Company for active committees, our organization was as follows:

General Chairman: George M. Leonard

Headquarters Chairman and Co-chairman of Tercentenary Committee: Ray K. Thompson, Assistants: Dean Williams, Carol Thompson

Treasurer: Rodney Hungerford

Secretary: Ann James

Student Activities Coordinator: Jeanne Closson

Decorations: Doris Balk

Insurance: Priscilla Carroll

Revenue Division Chairman: Edwin Finch

Commemorative Booklet Chairman: Kenneth Walker, assisted by Edward Hyrne, Edwin Becker, John Ravage, Harold Newton, William Hawley, Julian Barber, Frank Kelley, James Allen, Al Singley, Richard Lawson

Concessions Chairman: Richard Vielmetti, assisted by Henry Paulin

Novelties Chairman: Carolyn Spencer

Coin Chairman: Carolyn Spencer, assisted by Dean Williams, Carol Thompson

Plate Chairman: Ruth Bolton, assisted by Gladys Bistrek, Jane Billings, Joyce Roberts, Elizabeth Spencer

Celebration Ball Chairmen: Ann Loring and Rhea Cote, assisted by Edward LaMontagne, Betty Lou Carmichel, Norman Loring, Robert Johnson, Mary O'Connell

Student Chairman: John Trumbull, assisted by Dave Forrest,
Diane Hungerford, Eric Wallace

Participation Division - Ladies' Chairman: Ruth Johnson
Celebration Belles Chairman: Jeannette Tessier, assisted by
Rita Medeiros, Velma Lanphear, Florence Thompson
Sunbonnets & Dresses Chairman: Patricia Messer, assisted by
Ann James, Patricia Shearer, Louise Smith, Irene Jurkowski
Promenade & Caravan Chairman: Betty Gibson

Participation Division - Men's Chairman: John Thayer
Brothers of Brush Chairman: Walt Reddy, assisted by Wallace
Stange, Cab Wiggin, Earle Allis
Hats & Ties Chairman: David Holloway, assisted by Frank Turner,
Harry Holloway, Raymond Wright
Kangaroo Kourt Chairman: Henry Arseneault, assisted by Robert
Johnson, Joseph DeMaria, David Quinn, Frank Bordner, Joseph
Medeiros, Helen Holloway, Judy Johnson
Student Committee: Susan Gibson, Russell Hudson

Ticket Division Chairman: David Quinn
Ticket Chairman: Jervis Burdick, Jr.
Patrons' Ticket Chairman: Natalie Tunison, assisted by Norma
Pelzel, Virginia Leach, Esther Ladzinski, Helen Greene,
Grace Cregar

Advance Sale Chairmen: Guy Cote and Robert Graves
Queen Nomination Chairman: Barbara Walker
Queen Awards Chairman: Suzanne Handren
Arrangements Chairman: Beverly Graves
Ushers and Gates Chairman: John Jurkowski, assisted by Boy
Scout Troop 9

Audience & Grounds Chairman: John Ware
Student Chairman: Douglas Boutwell

Historical Pageant Chairman: Helen Monroe
Scenario Chairman: Hubert Eastman, assisted by Dorothy Pollen,
Esther Loos

Properties Chairmen: Laurence Hammond and Mark Wright
Stage Hands Chairman: William Messer
Cast Chairman: Esther Leonard
Construction Chairman: Howard Maynard
Costume Chairman: Elizabeth Leyden
Student Chairman: Betty Livingstone

Publicity Division Chairman: Suzanne McGowan
Press Release Chairman: Dorothy Pollen
Distributive Chairman: Velma Miller
Special Projects Chairmen: Edward and Mary Metcalf
Radio & T.V. Chairman: Nan Ravage

Special Events Division Chairmen: Warren and Phyllis Whitney
Merchants Chairman: William Walker, Jr.
Parade Chairmen: Orvil Mirtz and Robert Rheault, assisted by
Robert Huber, Charles Handren, Carol Thompson, Madeline Trum-
bull, Lillian Mirtz
Traffic & Safety Chairman: Chief Brian J. Scott
Former Residents Chairmen: Alfred and Carolyn Goodwin
Historic Windows Chairman: Linda Leavis

Music Chairman: John Trumbull
Transportation Chairman: John Spencer
Hospitality Center Chairman: Peg Greenwood
Student Chairman: Patricia Whitney
Special Days Chairman: Ray Tillson

The former Charles Slate home, now owned by the Town of Northfield, and redecorated and furnished by Ray Thompson, became the headquarters for activities. It proved to be an ideal place for committees, and especially as a place to sell many items provided by the revenue division.

Among items on sale were the official and beautiful silver and bronze coins. The face of the coin, designed by Mrs. Nancy Hann, depicts Bennett Meadow, the Connecticut River and the Western hills that may have been the first view of Northfield by the early settlers. The reverse side of the coin was divided into three areas showing Dwight L. Moody, Schell Castle, and the Northfield Mountain Pump Storage Hydroelectric Facility, those things for which Northfield is most noted throughout the area, state and country. The design for this side was suggested by students, Jessie Ravage, William Storozuk and Sidonie Conway. All designers were given prizes.

Six hundred silver coins and 1200 bronze coins were minted and the final art work and stamping was by the Blackington Company of Attleboro, Mass. There was a great demand for the coins which were all sold by June 5, 1973. Coins went to the length and breadth of the United States, to South America and Africa. Coin #300 sold for \$80.

The plate committee produced a product depicting ten Northfield scenes that show its history during the past 300 years. The center design duplicated the obverse side of the coin. One hundred twenty dozen plates were ordered, and except for some breakage in transit, all were sold. The final art work and making of plates was by Kettle Springs Kilns of Alliance, Ohio.

Other items sold at the store were men's hats, ties and jackets, 150 old-fashioned dresses, twenty dozen bonnets, and petticoats. Also sold were coin-associated jewelry; 2000 souvenir program booklets; "Rivertown Review" the history of Northfield, 1923 - 1973; and special issues of the Greenfield Recorder containing the Northfield supplement.

The Official Souvenir Tercentenary Program booklet containing seventy-six pages of pictures and other items of importance and interest to Northfield were quickly sold out. Many of the older pictures were one-of-a-kind and should be cherished by all. Credit for this feature goes to the Commemorative Booklet Committee.

During the months of August through December of 1972, Mrs. Dorothy Pollen supervised the preparation of a history of Northfield for the past fifty years. The "Rivertown Review" is factual and brief and contains pictures of many people and events of the Town during the years 1923 through 1973. One thousand copies were printed and some are still available.

An exhibit of the works of local artists was presented at the Unitarian Church. A beard judging contest was held in the Town Hall with prizes awarded winners in several categories. Kangaroo Kourts were held on three different occasions.

Publicity caravans visited all surrounding towns with a large number of men, women and children dressed in old fashioned costumes. Celebration program leaflets were distributed.

Walking tours to historical and interesting places in Town were arranged and booklets outlining these tours were distributed.

All Town buildings were decorated in red, white and blue bunting and the official seal of the celebration, by the Tercentenary Committee, and many citizens decorated their homes or businesses. Sixty-six American flags lined Main Street from Route 10 to Moody Street.

Great publicity in all the news media gave us wide coverage of our planned programs. Many of our citizens appeared on radio and TV throughout the area to publicize coming events, and our celebration week was aired by the Springfield television stations. The decorations along Main Street, the firemen's parade and our big parade on Sunday, June 3, were especially well covered.

The Tercentenary Celebration

On Saturday, February 17, 1973, the first in the series of celebration events was conducted. Old and new activities in winter sports were enjoyed in Bennett Meadow near new Route 10. The program was planned by the Snowmobile Club and included slides on sleds and rips; rides in a two-horse sleigh; and snowmobile rides. The weather was clear, windy and cold, with temperatures below zero.

On Sunday, April 29, a rededication of the Tri-State Marker was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Crawford Gilligan. Official representation included: Mrs. Thomas Salmon, wife of the governor of Vermont; Mrs. Rober Monier, for Governor Meldrin Thompson of New Hampshire; Representative Jay Healy, for Governor Francis W. Sargent of Massachusetts. Officials of the surrounding towns and counties participated. Mrs. Ernest Deal and Mrs. Marie St. Pierre of Connecticut, descendents of Squakheag Indians, were present.

Friday evening, May 11, a most interesting and colorful fashion show, arranged by the Ladies Participation Committee, was held at the auditorium of the Pioneer Valley Regional School. The feature of the evening was the modeling of family heirloom dresses.

A lecture on the Connecticut Valley Indians by Dr. Gordon Day, Curator of the Museum of Man at Ottawa, Canada, and an authority on the Squakheag Indians of this region, was presented at P.V.R.S. on Thursday, May 24. Mrs. Crawford Gilligan made the arrangements.

The gymnasium at P.V.R.S. was the scene of the Queen's Ball on Saturday, May 26. It was a most enjoyable social event conducted by the Celebration Ball Committee for those who had in earlier years danced the fox trot, waltz and polka, not now in vogue. The queen was Mrs. Joanne Krejmas Coutu who was awarded many prizes including an expense-free round trip by air to Aruba for her and her husband. The queen's court consisted of Mrs. Arlene Walker, Miss Carol Thompson, Mrs. Betty Gibson and Miss Laurie Allen.

Sunday, May 27, was declared as Our Religious Heritage Day. Local churches held special commemorative services attended by persons dressed in old fashioned costumes, authentic, newly-made or purchased at Tercentenary Headquarters. During the afternoon the firemen under Chief Clesson Field organized a parade of fire equipment consisting of 65 units from towns within a radius of 35 miles. Demonstrations of equipment were shown at West Northfield Playground. In the evening an ecumenical religious service was conducted at Russell Sage Chapel. The Reverend Edward C. Morgan, direct descendent of Elder William Janes who conducted the first religious service in Northfield, delivered the main address. Other former citizens of Northfield taking part were Rev. Stephen Howard, Rev. David Wells, Rev. Dean Lanphear and Rev. Merrill Moore. An ecumenical choir of eighty voices directed by Albert Raymond sang three anthems.

A Memorial Day Parade and address in the Town Hall were features of Monday, May 28, honoring Northfield citizens who had served their country in all wars. Representative Jay Healy delivered the address. The Pioneer Valley Regional School Band provided the music. Rex Ward and Robert Huber made arrangements. The Northfield Kiwanis served a chicken barbecue to over 700 persons. Family reunions were held.

Six presentations of the historical pageant "The Long Journey - Squakheag to Northfield" were planned for Monday, May 28 through Saturday, June 2. Rain on Monday and Wednesday diminished the show to four evenings. Three hundred sixty persons portrayed more than seven hundred characters depicting Northfield's 300 years of existence. Near capacity crowds appeared each evening. The pageant was staged by the Historical Pageant Committee. The historical background was gathered by the Scenario Committee with the script written by Browning Payne of the Rogers Company.

Tuesday, May 29, was Arts and Crafts day when many of the modern and older crafts including broom-making were displayed. Mrs. Rosa Johnston and Mrs. Ruth Johnson made arrangements.

For Ladies Day on Wednesday, Mrs. Ruth Johnson's committee lined up displays which filled both floors of the Town Hall. Talks, demonstrations and exhibits of interest to all were enjoyed by the many hundreds of visitors and townspeople who attended. It was one of the more successful special days of the celebration.

Our farm friends, sports enthusiasts and many others enjoyed Thursday's display of old and new farm equipment and a horse drawing contest at Ken Miller's, arranged by Harold Newton and his committee.

Displays of sports equipment and a trout fishing contest at Schell Pool were arranged by Charles Welner. The Historical Society building, Dwight L. Moody Museum and Dickinson Memorial Library Hall were open for special lectures and displays. Of unusual interest were the original and subsequent Indian deeds displayed and explained by Evelyn Parker.

Friday, June 1, was set aside as Youth Day. Jeanne Closson and William Messer arranged a Junior Olympics Contest amount elementary, junior high and high school students of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. Special bronze coins on red, white and blue ribbons were awarded the winners. A Teen Dance was held at P.V.R.S. in the evening, and in early evening a Scottish concert was presented at the First Parish Unitarian.

Saturday, June 2, was a day set aside for our neighboring towns which were originally part of Northfield, particularly Vernon, Vt., and Hinsdale, N.H. Miss Lucille Bolton, Mrs. Barbara Mosely of Vernon, and Mrs. Roland O'Neal of Hinsdale, formed the committee. Many participated in square dancing at Spencer's Garage and a children's parade of pets, carriages, and bicycles for which prizes were awarded. In the evening, the largest reunion ever of the classes of Northfield High School was held at the Northfield Inn. More than 200 attended. Fay Kenney and Evelyn Senior made arrangements.

Sunday, June 3, was perhaps the best day of our celebration. It was a clear, warm day. More people came to Northfield that day than ever in the history of the Town. Governor Francis W. Sargent flew in from Boston in a helicopter, attended a luncheon in his honor arranged by Mrs. Raymond Parenteau, and toured the parade route previous to the parade. A crowd estimated at 40 to 50 thousand lined the more than two miles of Main Street to witness the parade of bands, floats, old cars, horses and the Melha Temple Shriners from Springfield. The parade, arranged by the Parade Committee, took two hours and ten minutes to pass the reviewing stand. The assembly, procession and dispersing of units was orderly and prompt. No serious accident marred the event. Citizens donated their property as parking areas and for refreshments stands. The official Northfield float was the product of the cooperative efforts of a number of people under the direction of Delores Avery. It has been displayed in parades at Deerfield and Charlemont and will be used again during 1974.

The Tercentenary Committee and the citizens of Northfield sincerely appreciate the efficient manner in which traffic and crowd control was handled by Police Chief Brian J. Scott and nearly one hundred members of the Franklin County Police Association during the celebration week and especially on parade day.

The climax of the celebration was a thirty-five minute display of outstanding fireworks held at the athletic field at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Thousands attended this event for which no charge was made.

Thus ended Northfield's formal celebration of 300 years, a week that will long be remembered by its citizens, former residents and many visitors. May future celebrations be as satisfying and successful.

Two copies of a sound, color movie giving an excellent resume' of our week's celebration were made by Kenneth Walker. The film is available to be shown to groups.

Financial

We are grateful to the citizens of Northfield for having confidence in the Tercentenary Committee by voting them all the money necessary to bring the celebration to a satisfying and successful conclusion. We can confidently say that no committee in the past has returned to the town more money than it has expended as did this committee. The merchants, businesses and bankers of Northfield, Greenfield, and other area towns were most generous in contributions of money and merchandise for the promotion of our many programs.

The attached financial statement shows that the town is richer by \$600 for this total venture. This is but a trifle compared to the new friends and experiences and the immense pleasure derived by your Tercentenary Committee and many participants. Many town organizations served meals, sold candy, hamburgs, hotdogs, soda or other refreshment to add hundreds of dollars to their treasuries. These sums are not reflected in our financial statement. Complete financial records of the celebration were kept in a most efficient manner by Rodney Hungerford.

Conclusion

When your committee started to work on the celebration, only a few items were available to tell us what had happened during the 250th anniversary of the Town. Consequently, your committee has arranged that a complete record of our celebration will be stored in a "time capsule" and made available to those who will conduct subsequent celebrations. Among the items are: copies of all records of meetings and committees, copies of Town reports, a history, a souvenir program, a plate, silver coin #1, color slides of events, and the 16 millimeter sound film of the celebration. These will be locked in a fireproof box and stored in the Town vault.

In this report, it is most difficult to cover all events and to mention all individuals and organizations that contributed to the successful operation of the celebration. We have not purposely omitted any of these. We appreciate the contributions of innumerable hours of service for Northfield's Tercentenary year. Your committee in its entirety thanks the Town for making it possible to serve you.

George M. Leonard
General Chairman

NORTHFIELD TERCENTENARY 1973

Treasurer's Report

INCOME

Revenue Division	17,895.74
Participation Division	7,998.55
Celebration Ball	1,185.00
Program Book Sales	1,745.97
Program Book Ads	6,607.00
Pageant Tickets	8,455.38
Concessions	1,120.66
History Book Sales	3,650.40
Miscellaneous Income	3,219.44
Sales Tax Revenue	695.74
Total Income per Ledger	52,573.88
Less: Petty Cash Fund Returned to Town	- 100.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>52,473.88</u>

EXPENSE

Revenue Division	9,390.43
Participation Division	5,902.50
Celebration Ball	1,236.31
Pageant Expense	5,100.98
Pageant Ticket Expense	1,459.88
Publicity	243.43
Special Events	6,335.12
Headquarters Expense	2,456.48
Rogers Company	8,300.00
History Book	3,562.37
Special Days	1,241.82
Miscellaneous Expense	6,016.01
Sales Tax Expense	727.11
Total Expense per Ledger	51,972.44
Less: Petty Cash Fund Returned to Town	- 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	51,872.44
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSE	<u>601.44</u>

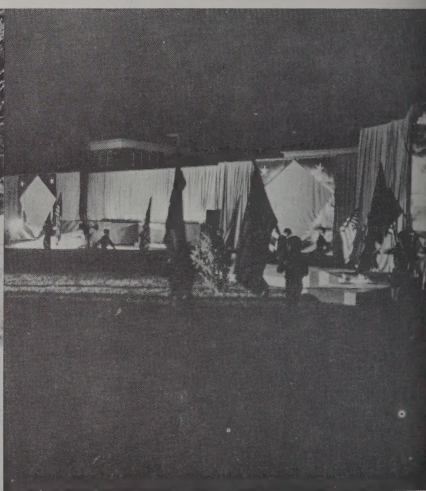
Reconciliation of Appropriation to Expended

Total Appropriation		50,614.49
Total Expended	51,872.44	
Less: Gift Monies Expended		
(included in Total Expended)	<u>1,357.95</u>	
Total Expended		<u>50,514.49</u>
BALANCE UNEXPENDED		<u>100.00</u>

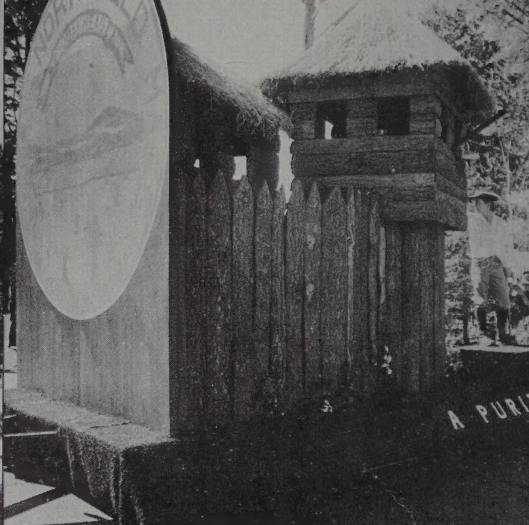
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Rodney E. Hungerford, Treasurer
Northfield Tercentenary Committee



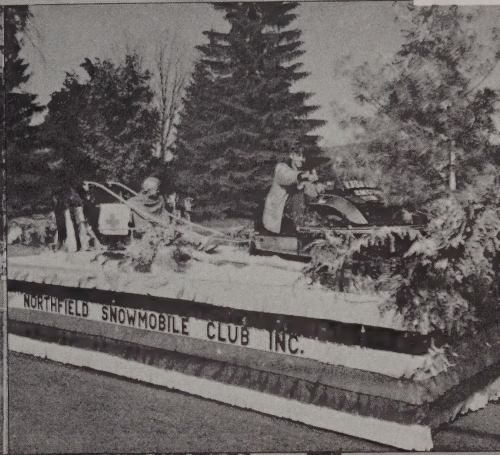
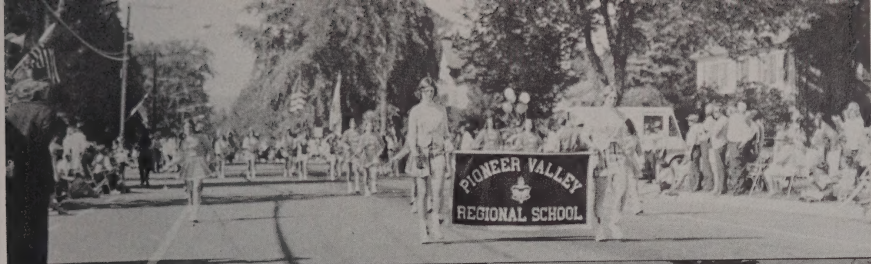












TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the
County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town,
qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the first day of April next, at ten
o'clock in the forenoon, then and three to bring in their votes by
ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Moderator for one year, one Selectman for
three years, Town Treasurer for two years, one Assessor for three
years, one School Committee Member for three years, two Library Trus-
tees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one
Planning Board Member for five years, one Board of Health Member for
three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, three Constables
at Large for three years, and one Constable (From Northfield Farms)
for three years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the
Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the
Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, April 2, 1974 at seven o'clock in
the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Offi-
cers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chap-
ter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town
Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money
from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal
financial year beginning July 1, 1974 as established by the Act of the
Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one
year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew
any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one
year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue
of the said fiscal financial year, or take any action in relation
thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter
40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to author-
ize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes
and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in
any suit of other legal action brought against the Town, or take any
action in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter
41, Section 100E, General Laws, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen
and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen
for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the

defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by a city or town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, General Laws, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the fiscal year 1975, and raise and appropriate the sums of money therefor, and raise and appropriate further sums of money for the maintenance of the several Departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS:

		<u>1975</u>
Moderator, Salary & Expense		\$ 90.00
Selectmen		2600.00
Chairman	\$900.00	
Other Members	850.00	
Expense		2000.00
Secretary		1484.00
Accountant		2025.00
Expense		100.00
Legal Expense		2500.00
Treasurer		2025.00
Expense		1000.00
Tax Collector		1910.00
Expense		1100.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs		350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property		25.00
Assessors		2300.00
Chairman	\$800.00	
Others	750.00	
Expense		1200.00
Town Clerk		1225.00
Expense		200.00
Election & Registration		3000.00
Planning Board Expense		975.00
Board of Appeals Expense		190.00
Nurse & Substitute		6500.00
Expense		500.00
Clerk		2968.00
Car Expense		700.00
Inspection of Animals		450.00
Sewer Commissioners Salary		555.00
Each Commissioner	\$185.00	
Sewer Commission Expense		150.00
Highway Supt. Expense		350.00
Highway Tools		500.00

Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	\$ 5650.00
Sidewalks	1000.00
Street Lights	20000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00
Soldier's Relief	7000.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	450.00
Finance Committee Expenses	125.00
Town Hall	9000.00
Police Chief Salary	10500.00
Special Police Salaries	4800.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	6000.00
Police Dept. Secretary	1484.00
Conservation Commission Expense	150.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	585.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	7000.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	1500.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	800.00
Maintenance of Fire Station	2700.00
Public Safety	50.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	2000.00
Dutch Elm Control	2000.00
Insect and Pest Control	1500.00
Dog Officer & Expense	350.00
Civil Defense	25.00
Board of Health	555.00
Each Member	\$185.00
Health	2000.00
Dump Control	8500.00
PVRS School Committee Exp.	300.00
Elementary Schools	316094.00
PVRS Capital	11444.34
PVRS Operating	415782.95
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	450.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	16000.00
Chapter 32B	10000.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	500.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	500.00
Recreation Commission Program	6000.00
Cemeteries	5000.00
Slate House	500.00
Interest	500.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, or employ a clerk, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary of such clerk, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$1,485.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from Chapter 1140, Section 20 of the Acts of 1973, \$6,700.00 as the Town's share, and to transfer \$20,100 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from Chapter 1140, Section 22 of the Acts of 1973, \$10,500.00, and to transfer \$18,262.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer from Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973, \$4,000.00, and to transfer \$8,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Machinery Earnings Fund, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Machinery Earnings Account and to transfer \$12,000.00 from Chapter 1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way as set forth in Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum or sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the state under the provisions of said Act, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$26,500.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are incorporated into the Town's sewage system, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$19,675.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money from the County, known as the "Dog Fund," for the Dickinson Memorial Library, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 as amended and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries, or take any action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$250.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$14,606.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to provide additional or improved street lighting in the Town according to plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated to the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$300.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin, a sum or sums of money for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease Control, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen of the Town to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town; such contract to be for a term of not more than twelve (12) months at five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Northfield-Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, a sum of \$2,000.00 to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the fiscal year 1975 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current fiscal year as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$5,000.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,939.51 for the Town's share of the Franklin County Technical School District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$30,939.51.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to contract with the Community Awareness Council, Inc. for the Town's share in furthering the prevention and treatment program for drugs and related problems, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,631 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$2,631 be transferred to the Franklin/Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the school committee, or Board of Health, or under their joint direction or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five (5) residents of Northfield, one of whom shall be a member of the present Northfield Elementary School Committee, to act as the Northfield School Building Committee, with the remaining two (2) members of the Elementary School Committee serving as ex-officio members, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of \$5,000 to be expended under the direction of said Committee for the employment of an architect, the procuring and preparation of plans, estimate of costs and other expenses, these plans to be presented to the Town at any special or annual Town Meeting for further vote as soon as completed, or take any action or vote with respect thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish under the provision of Chapter 40, Section 8d, General Laws, an Historical Commission of the Town of Northfield for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of seven members, appointed by the Selectmen for the terms of three years except that initial appointment shall be two members for one year, two members for two years, and three members for three years, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,000 for the purchase of a new base radio for use at the Town's Fire Station, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$1,000 from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 802, Section 15, of the Acts of 1972, to employ a Building Commissioner for the Town, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary and expenses of such commissioner, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$2,300 from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the registration of bicycles in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 710 of the Acts of 1941, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to change the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law Section 5(a) to read as follows:

'Lot frontage on a public way 150 feet minimum and lot depth 200 feet minimum. The minimum lot area shall be 36,000 square feet.'

or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to change the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law Section 5(b) to read as follows:

'Setback for any building 25 feet minimum from any property line.'

or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$175.00 to pay the legal fee incurred by the Planning Board appeal of the Board of Appeals decision which permitted establishment of a branch bank on Main Street, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to reconstitute under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 14, the Recreation Commission authorized under Article 39 of the annual Town Meeting of March 3, 1970, as amended in the Special Town Meeting of September 28, 1970, by appointing a seven member commission, three members to be appointed for three years, two members for two years and

two members for one year, and each year thereafter to appoint as many members as there are terms expiring, or to take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of microfilming Town Reports, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$500.00.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a new Police Cruiser, trade in or dispose of the old cruiser, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$3,800 from the Revenue Sharing Fund.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for perpetual care of Lot #186 in West Northfield Cemetery, from Mrs. Doris Cutler, Northfield, Massachusetts, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for perpetual care of Lot #177 in West Northfield Cemetery, from Mrs. Jane F. Randolph, Northfield, Massachusetts, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy four.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Thomas J. Russell, Jr.
Frederick J. Billiel

A True copy. ATTEST:

CONSTABLE

Joseph G. Morgan

TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the
County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town,
qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Tuesday the second day of April next, at
seven fifteen o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the
following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of expending a sum of \$49,083
under the provisions of Section 22 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973
for the purpose of reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public
highways and bridges, enforcement of traffic laws, or take any vote or
votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of expending a sum of \$29,450
under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973
for the purpose of construction of public highways and bridges, or
take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to
enter into contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department
of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of
roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appro-
priate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise pro-
vide a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$4,980 from Chapter
1140, Section 22 of the Acts of 1973, and to transfer from un-
appropriated available funds \$18,262.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated
available funds a sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of aerial spraying the
wetland areas to dispose of the larvae and adult mosquitoes, or take
any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a pay loader for
the Town Highway Department, trade in or dispose of the old pay loader,
and raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds,
or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money therefor, or take any action
in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$17,603 from Chapter
1140, Section 22, of the Acts of 1973, and to transfer \$12,397 from
the Revenue Sharing Fund.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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